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FINAL HANKOW MEETING.

WILL THE AGREEMENT BE SIGNED?

TROOPS TO CAMP IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

BRITISH SHIPS FIRED AT.

We learn that Mr. O'Malley and Mr. Eugene Chen are meeting to-day in the final negotiations for the signing of the agreement relating to the future status of the British Concession at Hankow. Up to the time of going to press there is no information to hand as to whether the agreement has been signed.

Regarding the movement of British troops, the entire Brigade from India is proceeding to Shanghai, and the Suffolks are relieving the 2/5th Punjab Regiment who are returning to Hongkong. The other two Brigades are to stay in Hongkong and will go under canvas in the New Territories—at Fanling and Kwanti.

Naval news from the Yangtze states that British ships have been held up at Nanking by rifle fire, and that General Chang Kai-shek has ordered Chinese to evacuate all foreign premises at Kiukiang.

London, Feb. 13. Information is still awaited from Hankow that Mr. Eugene Chen has signed the agreement regarding the Concession, which Sir Austen Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons last Thursday had been virtually concluded.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons of the British Government's views on all questions which have been under discussion with Mr. Chen and the assurances which he gave regarding British policy, were telegraphed at Hankow and it is hoped here that they will satisfy Mr. Chen and that news of the signature of the Agreement will be forthcoming immediately.—British Wireless.

NAVAL REPORTS.

MORE MISSIONARIES LEAVE.

Ichang, Feb. 13. One hundred and sixteen missionaries are now on their way down river.—Naval Wireless.

HANKOW QUIET.

Hankow, Feb. 13. The city is quiet, but posters have been displayed in the British Concession protesting against the proposed British-Sino Council.—Naval Wireless.

CHANG KAI-SHEK'S WARNING.

Kiukiang, Feb. 13. Proclamations have been issued by General Chang Kai-shek ordering Chinese to evacuate all foreign premises, and calling for the protection of foreigners and their property under severe penalties for non-compliance.—Naval Wireless.

BRITISH SHIPS STOPPED.

Nanking, Feb. 13. British ships are being stopped by rifle fire and examined by the local authorities without notice having been given. A protest is being made.—Naval Wireless.

TROOP MOVEMENT.

Chinkiang, Feb. 13. About four thousand troops have been sent to Chen Liao by train. Empty troopships are waiting at Chinkiang.—Naval Wireless.

BRIGADES FOR HONGKONG.

UNDER CANVAS IN NEW TERRITORIES.

Latest news in regard to the disposition of British troops being sent to the East is that the whole of the Brigade from India will proceed to Shanghai, the greater part not even calling at Hongkong, and that the other two Brigades will in all likelihood remain in Hongkong for some time, unless an emergency necessitates their going North.

The first of the two Brigades to come to Hongkong will go under canvas on the Kwanti racecourse in the New Territories, whilst the second Brigade will camp at Fanling, for which purpose three holes of the relief course will be utilized. The rumour that the Golf Club would be occupied by military is not correct.

These provisional arrangements for the putting of the two Brigades under canvas will hold good unless unforeseen circumstances occur necessitating their going North, but in any event the troops will not stay in the New Territories after April, when the weather begins to get warmer and the danger from malaria becomes more acute. Should the troops still be here then, it will be necessary to bring them in from the outlying districts, and for this purpose schemes are being devised for housing them. In addition to the buildings previously mentioned in this connection, it is possible that the new Empress Hotel, on the Hongkong side, may be needed. In regard to all these buildings, it is hoped that, such as may be needed will be secured by private treaty, but if this fails, emergency regulations may need to be put into force.

The 2nd. Batta. of the Suffolk Regiment, at present in Hongkong, is shortly to leave for Shanghai, and the 2/5 Punjab Regiment, which recently went North from Hongkong, is to return here.

TROOPS AT SHANGHAI.

DURHAMS AND GLOUCESTERS ARRIVE.

London, Feb. 13. The battalions of the Durham Light Infantry and Gloucestershire Regiment, which were despatched from India, reached Shanghai yesterday. They will probably land to-morrow.

A press message from Shanghai states that their arrival has relieved the anxiety which has been felt in the International Settlement since the mob over-ran the British Concession at Hankow.

It will be recalled that Sir Austen Chamberlain in the statement he made to the House of Commons last Thursday, gave an assurance that only such troops would be landed at Shanghai as were necessary for the protection of British lives and interests. The troops from India, which were already on their way to Shanghai, would be landed there. But the further troops, going from the Mediterranean and from Home would be concentrated at Hongkong, unless required by an emergency of fresh or greater danger.—British Wireless.

IF PARLEY FAILS.

NO NATIONALIST AGGRESSION.

Interviewed by a representative of the Toho News Agency in Hankow on the 5th inst., Mr. Hsu Chien, Minister of Justice of the Nationalist Government said:—“Whether or not the negotiations on the British Concession here and other problems will be resumed, depends entirely upon an attitude of the British Government towards Mr. Eugene Chen's proposals. Should the present negotiations break down, the Nationalist Government would have no other alternative but to let things take their own course. In such a case, (Continued on Page 15.)

REDS DENOUNCED.

LEADING CHINA TO RUIN.

MARSHAL SUN'S VIEWS.

“With tears in my eyes I hereby issue this call to the country to unite against the morally degenerate Red elements,” reads a striking sentence in a circular telegram issued by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang denouncing Red agents and explaining his political ideas on China.

Marshal Sun, whose forces are now stretched across Chekiang in preparation for the expected Cantonese drive on Shanghai, contends that China cannot improve her international position until the “Red disaster” is eliminated and a strong Central Government is established.

A PROTEST.

As published in Peking on the eve of Chinese New Year, the circular telegram reads:

“Unfortunately for China, civil wars have followed one another in a rapid succession during the past fifteen years. I have repeatedly declared that continued civil strife would end in diplomatic complications, but although I have done my best to call public attention to this danger, my advice has been left unheeded.

“Now, what I have predicted has come true. Following the incident in the Hankow British Concession, the British Government announced the despatch of troops and warships to China for the protection of its residents and their property. For the sake of the maintenance of sovereign rights of China, I have lodged a strong protest against this move.

“When the cause of the present trouble comes to be examined, it will become obvious to all that the fault lies with a few Red ringleaders who, in collusion with a few alien robbers, have instigated the ignorant people to defy the Central Government and invite trouble from the Powers. Indeed, considering the ordinary friendly relations between China and Great Britain, there should be plenty of room for an amicable settlement of the incident. Nor should there be any need for coercion.

SOVEREIGN RIGHTS.

“The intelligence of our people has grown considerably during the past few years. Everybody has learnt to love his country. Where Chinese sovereign rights are involved, nothing will be left undone to secure their preservation. But there are certain definite and established rules governing foreign commerce. Admittedly foreign Concessions in China are not ideal examples, but since their existence is regulated by treaty, China should not violate her pledged word. If China is united and the country is peaceful, I am sure the demand of China for the return of the Concessions and revision of her treaties will receive the support and sympathy of the whole world. Indeed, treaties are not immutable.

REDS BROUGHT DISASTER.

“Now the Red partisans have brought disaster upon the country as well as antagonized our friendly neighbours. Let us suppose that a man has several unworthy sons who, in collusion with bandits are bent on the destruction of the family and on bringing troubles on their neighbours. If their pernicious activities are left unchecked, they will be sure to end in the extinction of the family. Under such circumstances how can the parents sit idly by?

“There is a Chinese saying that there must be something wrong with a nation first before another nation begins to insult it. China has now reached a crisis and no time should be lost. With tears in my eyes I hereby issue this call to the country to unite against the morally degenerate Red elements and bring about their elimination so that the spirit of evil may be extinguished and righteousness upheld. If this is done, the whole

MORE ANTI-BRITISH PLACARDS.

POSTED BY CHINESE AT SHATAUKOK.

PROTEST TO CANTON.

The posting of anti-British placards at Shataukok, a village in the New Territories which is half in British and half in Chinese territory, has become so marked that the Hongkong Government has been forced to take action. A strong protest has been sent to the British Consul at Canton, for transmission to the Canton Government, whilst men of the 2nd. Batta. King's Own Scottish Borderers are to make route marches through the village.

It appears that recently a large number of Chinese soldiers have been posted to the Chinese section of Shataukok, where they have been busy organising what is termed a Farmers' Army, members of which have indulged in a deal of anti-British propaganda. For some time past, violent anti-British posters have appeared on the Chinese side of the main street, but these have of late been posted up on the British side as well. Those responsible are the Chinese troops and residents who have been egged on by agitators. The situation has become so bad that the Chinese detectives employed by the Hongkong police have declined to go into Shataukok.

The posters are of a most inflammatory character, stating, amongst other things, that the New Territories really belong to China. Accompanying the posters have been various anti-British cartoons.

In view of these developments, the Government has arranged for detachments of the Borderers, now in camp in the locality, to make route marches through the village street. These will take place four times a day, with a view to assuring the inhabitants of the British section of adequate protection. It is hoped that this will have the effect of curbing the anti-British campaign.

In connection with the recent plastering of railway carriages on the Kowloon-Canton line with anti-British posters, it now transpires that this was the work of Chinese troops at Samchun, and was not done by passengers, as at first thought.

ROYAL VISITORS.

BELGIAN MAJESTIES IN BRITAIN.

London, Feb. 13. The King and Queen of the Belgians, arrived in London last night, having travelled from Brussels to see the exhibition of Flemish art.

Their visit is of a private and unofficial character, but they lunched to-day with King George and Queen Mary at Buckingham Palace.—British Wireless.

“CITY OF TOKIO.”

REFLOATED AND UNDAMAGED.

London, Feb. 13. The Ellerman Linor, City of Tokio has refloated and is apparently undamaged. She has proceeded to London.—Reuter.

[An earlier report stated that the ship had gone aground near the Goodwins.]

world will sit up and listen when China places her demand for the opening of negotiations for the revision of the unequal treaties and the abolition of extraterritoriality.

“If Chinese leaders still shrink the challenge and continue to plot for their own selfish interests, the time will come sooner or later when China is no more and the descendants of Huang Ti are reduced to the level of savages.

MOB ATTACKS.

A MISSION HOUSE LOOTED.

KUOMINTANG AGITATION.

Having seen all they possessed burned by a mob before their eyes, and having been saved from possible assault by the outstretched arms of the only man in their party, four women missionaries from Kiangsi arrived in Shanghai last week with over one hundred other refugees from places bordering the Yangtze Valley, by the s.s. Woosung. They had been stationed at Loping, a town near the Kwangsi river. Miss E. G. Wray, Miss E. Twiddle, Miss I. E. A. Day, and Mrs. A. E. Beard are their names. With them was Mr. Beard, the man who had protected them from the attacks of an infuriated mob at Loping.

UNEXPECTED ATTACK.

Telling the story of their experiences to a representative of the Shanghai Sunday Times, one of the ladies in the party emphasized the fact that the attack was wholly unexpected. A few days before Sunday, January 23, the day on which the assault took place, the party at Loping had received a letter advising them to make what haste they could to safety. The local inhabitants had never seemed unfriendly to them, however, and they delayed their departure for several days.

On the morning of January 23, they informed their fellow Christians that they would be leaving on the following Tuesday, and one of the converts passed their information on to the local Kuomintang leaders in the hope that it might avert an attack on the mission premises, should such be planned. Sunday afternoon, however, saw a mass meeting called by the Kuomintang party, whose leaders addressed the mob with inflammatory speeches. The foreigners were warned by friends to keep within their house, and to lock the door.

WALLS SCALED.

Carried away by the oratory of the leading agitators, the mob burst away from the mass meeting and forming a procession, toured the streets until the mission house was reached. Banging on the gates, they received no response. An agitator then scaled the walls of the compound and unlocked the gates from the inside, letting loose a flood of raving and livid humanity into the lower sections of the mission house.

The foreigners had taken refuge at the top of the building, where they were left unmolested while the mob wrecked the lower storey. The crowd, among whom were students and working men, built a bonfire in the courtyard, and everything which could not be carried away by those who fancied it, was broken up and hurled on to the flames. The mission chapel, the school, and the evangelist's house were destroyed in this way.

Having done all the damage possible to the lower storey the mob tried to gain the upper, where were the bedroom of the ladies. The three rooms facing the front on which the mob were attacking were uninhabitable on account of the shower of rocks hurled through the windows from the courtyard, and the small party of five foreigners—four women and one man—were assembled in the hall landing. At the head of the staircase Mr. Beard, who with outstretched arms held back the crowd pressing upwards, while he argued and pleaded with them.

LOOTED OR SMASHED PROPERTY.

The mob, however, procured a ladder and entered the top storey by the verandah facing the front. They immediately started the same wrecking programme they had perpetrated on the ground floor. Everything smashable was smashed. Everything which could be taken away was taken. What was left was thrown out of the window.

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TROUBLE NEAR MACAO BORDER.

TROOPS FIGHT PEASANT CORPS.

CONFLICT CONTINUES.

According to reports reaching us to-day, there has been a serious armed conflict in the Chin-shan district, near the Macao border.

The Peasant Corps of Heungshan is said to be a “Red” organisation and its members have been in conflict with the local garrison forces. The District Magistrate of Heungshan has sent troops to stop the fighting, but it is stated that they have so far been ineffectual.

Throughout Kwangtung, the Peasant Corps in various districts have been a good deal in conflict with the garrison forces and the Village Volunteer Corps.

It is alleged that bandits and other undesirable usually seek protection when fearing arrest by joining the Peasant Corps and that when troops or Village Volunteers seek to arrest the wanted men, they are stoutly opposed by the Peasant Corps.

It is stated that the Provincial authorities have been fully aware of this anomalous position for some time past but have not been in a position to oppose the Peasant Corps which is in very friendly relations with the various Labour Unions and with whom they might combine to make trouble if they are interfered with.

ARMED ROBBERIES.

BY GANG ON LAMMA ISLAND.

From Lamma Island has come the report of two armed robberies, carried out by a gang of five armed men, resulting in the theft of \$37 worth of property from two adjacent houses in the village of Fung Sui Tang.

The inmates of the houses before retiring for the night, had taken the usual precaution of barring themselves in, but in fear of dire threats, they were made to admit the unwelcome visitors. Carrying choppers, and with their faces covered, the robbers ransacked the two houses, one after the other. Because one of their victims offered resistance, he was knocked down with a bamboo pole.

The police received a report of the affair during the week-end.

FLIGHT PLANS.

DE PINEDO MODIFIES INTENTIONS.

Rome, Feb. 13.

The Marquis de Pinedo, has ascended at Sardinia on a flight to Brazil. His plans are uncertain but he has apparently modified his previous intentions, and will probably fly to South America and return home via the United States and the Azores.—Reuter.

Rabat, Feb. 13.

The Marquis de Pinedo has arrived here.—Reuter.

ROYAL GIFT.

TO AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENT.

London, Feb. 13.

It is understood to be the King's intention to present to the Commonwealth of Australia, the new buildings of which the Duke of York will shortly open on behalf of His Majesty at Canberra, a pair of despatch boxes which stand on the table in front of the speaker's Chair at Westminster, a replica of which has been presented by the British Government to the sister Parliament of Australia, and that when His Majesty expressed the wish to make a personal gift to the new Government buildings and suggested the despatch boxes, the offer was warmly received and accepted.—British Wireless.

“ROPE” SHARES.

JUDGEMENT AGAINST BROKERS.

NO DIRECT PURCHASE.

A suggestion that they dropped out of the deal altogether, and that the seller agreed to buy direct from the purchaser did not influence Mr. Justice Wood, acting Chief Justice, when Chan Chan-nam and Co., China Building, share and general brokers, were sued before him in the Supreme Court this morning, in respect of a share transaction. The plaintiff, Unas Lebe Ahmed Mohideen, merchant, of 64, Queen's Road Central, claimed damages for breach of contracts by the defendants to accept and pay for 1,000 shares of the Green Island Cement Company, Ltd., and 500 combined shares of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., was for the plaintiff, and the defendants were not in Court. Mr. M. M. Watson was present, but Mr. Potter informed his Lordship that he understood Mr. Watson had no instructions to appear that day.

Dealing with the Green Island shares, Mr. Potter said a sum of money in respect of those had been paid into Court and accepted by the plaintiffs, so that that portion of the claim need not be considered by His Lordship.

With regard to the Rope Co. shares, the plaintiff employed the defendants as brokers on April 30th, 1925, for the sale of the five hundred combined shares at the price of \$58 per share. That was admitted, as his Lordship would see in the statement of defence. They were therefore in the position that the share contract was admitted and the only point his Lordship had before him was the amount to which the plaintiff was entitled.

TWO DEFENCES.

There were only two defences raised, the first of which was that on July 27th, 1925, the defendants furnished the plaintiff with the name of the buyer, and the plaintiff agreed to deal direct with him. The plaintiff's reply to that was that no such name was ever disclosed. The contract was made on April 30th, and the shares were to be delivered and payment made on July 28th, so that the case raised by the defence was that on July 27th, the day before the Settlement, Chan was entitled to come forward and buy a certain person was the purchaser, and the seller would have to deal with him direct. He (Mr. Potter) submitted that that reading of the rules, which was put upon them by the defendants, was not a true one.

NO FREE MARKET.

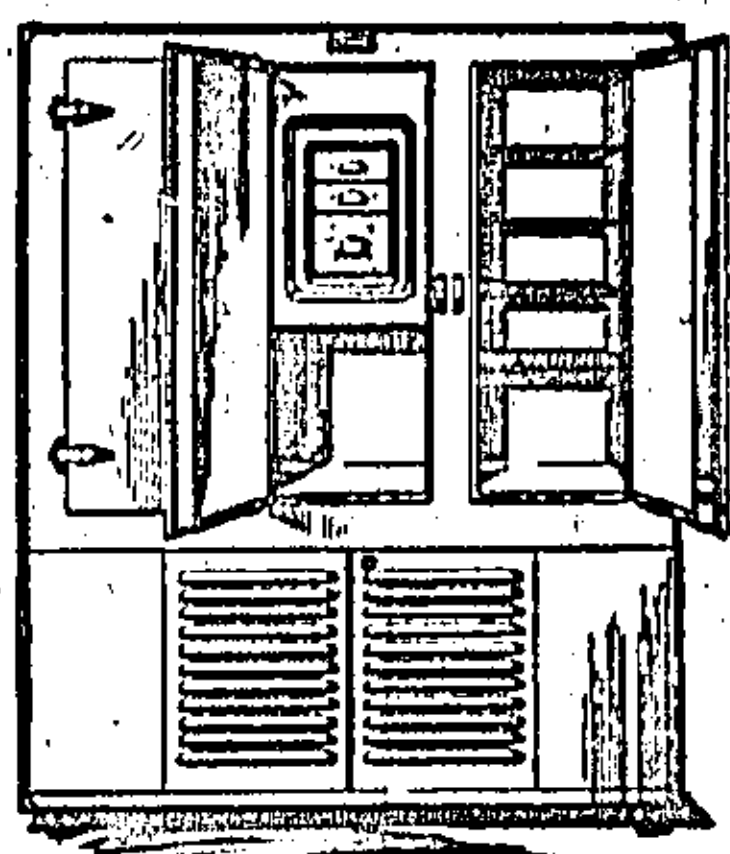
The second point of the defence was:—“We were not ready and willing to deliver.” The Court might hold that the plaintiff could have gone on the market and found another buyer, perhaps at a lower figure, and then the remedy would be quite sufficient. He would prove, however, that there was no free market on that day and the Stock Exchange was closed. Not only was there no free market, but there were actually hardly any transactions at all in any shares. Furthermore, there were no transactions for “Ropes” for months, and months afterwards, so that the plaintiff had never been in a position to get rid of the shares, and had been unable to go on the market.

METHOD OF DELIVERY.

Dealing with the question of delivery, Mr. Potter said the usual method of making delivery on the local Exchange was for the buyer to give the broker a delivery order. The seller did not deliver him the actual shares, because generally they happened to be deposited in the Bank, and the shares could not be obtained until a sum of money had been paid into the Bank. The plaintiff gave a delivery order to Mr. Chan, authorising him to take delivery from the Bank. Mr. Chan then had to pay into the Bank the correct amount which he would obtain from the purchaser, and the shares would be released. There (Continued on Page 15.)

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KOWLOON MATTERS.

QUESTION OF ELECTRIC VOLTAGE.

The monthly meeting of the
Kowloon Residents' Association
was held on Monday, February 7.
A somewhat disappointing reply
was read from the Government
with reference to the extension of
the Children's playground.

Change of Voltage.

A satisfactory reply was read
from the General Managers of the
China Light and Power Co., Ltd.,
stating that when the conversion
to the higher voltage had been
carried out, the present tariff
would be lowered.

The letter follows:
Sir.—In reply to your letter of
the 15th inst. relative to the in-
crease in supply voltage, prepara-
tions for which are now being
made by this Company, we beg to
state that the matter is one which
has had the most careful con-
sideration before being decided
on, both from the Consumers' and
the Company's point of view, and
we wish to point out that the
change over to the higher voltage
is one which is in accordance with
the most modern practice, and is
now adopted by the great majority
of the Electric Supply Under-
takings in the United Kingdom, in
addition to those in cities in the
East and Far East such as Bom-
bay, Colombo, Calcutta, Penang,
Singapore, Hongkong and Shang-
hai.

The conversion will be to the
ultimate advantage of both the
Consumers and Supply Company,
inasmuch as a saving in cost of
underground cables owing to the
smaller cross-sectional area re-
quired for the higher voltage will
be effected, and also the number
of sub-stations required for dis-
tribution purposes will be con-
siderably reduced with a conse-
quent large saving in the cost of
land and buildings. Owing to
decreased expenditure, a lower
cost in production will result and
as it is the intention of this Com-
pany when the conversion to the
higher voltage has been carried
out to give the Consumer the ben-
efit of this by lowering the present
tariff, thus compensating for any
increase in the cost of candle
power referred to by a correspond-
ent in the *South China Morning
Post* dated the 20th December,
1926.

With regard to the question of
alteration of electrical apparatus
mentioned by the same corres-
pondent, this is a matter which
will be given most careful atten-
tion by the Company with a view
to ensuring that Consumers' prop-
erty will be altered and replaced
with no expense to the individual,
and also that the apparatus will
be returned in the same condition
as received, from the Consumer
with the exception that the altered
equipment will be suitable for
use on the higher voltage.

Bathing Facilities.

As the bathing season is
approaching, the Committee decid-
ed to write to the Government to
remind them of the scheme sub-
mitted to them in the Committee's
letter of 26th July, 1926, hoping
to receive a favourable reply.

Draft of Report for 1926 was
considered and adopted. It was
decided to send a copy of the
Report to all Season Ticket holders
of the Star Ferry Co. as well as
to Members of the Association up
to 1,000. A Sub-Committee was
appointed to deal with this matter.

A warm vote of thanks was
tendered to the Rev. J. R. John-
ston for the able manner in which
he had presided at the meetings,
also to Mr. J. I. Parren for the
excellent work he had done as
Hon. Secretary.

It was decided to propose Dr.
Macgown for President, Mr.
Stokes as Vice President and Mr.
Alves as Hon. Treasurer. The
post of Hon. Secretary was left
for the new President to nominate.
The annual meeting to be held
on Monday 21st February, and it
is hoped the Members will turn
up in full force. The meeting is
public and Kowloon Residents are
cordially invited.

DISARMAMENT.

THE AMERICAN PROPOSALS.

Paris, Feb. 12.
The Government will not draft a
reply to the American Disarmament
Note until M. Briand has given the
Cabinet his views on the question;
but official circles state that France
is ready to associate herself with any
plans for disarmament and main-
tenance of peace.

It is emphasised that as the Pre-
paratory Disarmament Committee is
about to reach practical decisions, it
would be illogical to ignore it now.
Furthermore, Mr. Coolidge's propo-
sals bind only France and Italy in
Europe, while Spain, Greece, Turkey
and Russia are outside their scope,
for there is no guarantee that these
powers will adhere to the convention.
Also, as the proposals deal exclu-
sively with naval armament, they
are contrary to the principle con-
stantly upheld by France in the Pre-
paratory Commission, to discuss
simultaneously the question of naval,
air and economic forces.—*Reuter.*

The Geneva Conference.

Washington, Feb. 12.
The Foreign Affairs Committee of
the House of Representatives has ap-
proved the Bill authorising an appor-
portion of seventy-five thousand
dollars, requested by Mr. Coolidge,
for further participation of the
United States in the Geneva Arms
Conference.

The Committee discussed the
advisability of recommending that
the limitation of cruisers, destroyers
and submarines should be placed on
the agenda of the Conference, but
took no action.—*Reuter's American
Service.*

Criticism in France.

Paris, Feb. 12.
M. Paul Boncour, French rep-
resentative at the League of
Nations, interviewed regarding
President Coolidge's disarmament
Memorandum, said the discussion
proposed by President Coolidge
would overlap the work of the
preparatory commission at present
dealing with the problem.

Therefore he was unable to
agree with President Coolidge.
He added, moreover, that the work
of the League Commission was
progressing well and should serve
as a basis for the disarmament
conference to be held in 1927, or
at the latest in 1928.

Press comments to-day criticise
the Memorandum mainly on these
lines.—*Reuter.*

Some Difficulties.

Rugby, Feb. 12.
In the Press, as in official circles,
President Coolidge's proposals for
agreement further to limit naval
armaments are welcomed in prin-
ciple. The newspapers in their com-
ments, however, deal with some of
the difficulties which the matter
presents.

The special correspondent of the
Daily News points out that the pro-
posals would involve.

(1) Separating naval from military
and air disarmament.
(2) Separating the five Washing-
ton Powers from the rest of the
world even in the sphere of naval
armaments.
(3) Forestalling the coming Dis-
armament Conference and abandon-
ing completely the scheme of dealing
with the armament problem as a
whole.

There are bound, moreover, says
the correspondent, to be serious
difficulties about applying the ratio
of 5-5-3 to cruisers, destroyers
and submarines.
Those figures have proved to re-
present the actual relationship not
of whole fleets but of the capital
ships of Britain, America and
Japan on November 15, 1921. They
did not, and do not, represent, or
come near representing, relationship
in cruisers, destroyers and sub-
marines.

Britain's Sure Shield.

The *Daily Telegraph*, in a lead-
ing article, says Britain has as-
sociated herself throughout with the
general principles which the Ameri-
can Government, to its honour, has
been advocating. But assent to
such proposal by an insular people

always in danger of military invasion
as well as of aerial attack repre-
sents no small sacrifice.

The navy is the defence of the
inviolability of our shores against
foreign armies, and without it we
should be helpless. It is apparent
also that naval problems concern
not only us, but also the populations
of our Dominions.

They were represented at the
Washington Conference, and any
action which this country may take
in regard to further discussions
must be still harmonised with them,
as was the case at Washington six
years ago.

The *Daily Telegraph* thinks that
what the ratio for each type of
auxiliary vessel should be would be
obviously a matter for discussion in
the knowledge of each Power's
peculiar situation. It considers
that there are advantages in confin-
ing the discussions, at least in the
initial stage, to countries represent-
ed at Washington in 1920-1921.
—*British Wireless.*

Smaller Navies First.

Washington, Feb. 12.
A spokesman for the White House
declares that President Coolidge
has every expectation that the
Powers will favourably consider his
disarmament suggestion.

It is stated that the President
thinks the proposals will prove
acceptable owing to their reason-
ableness and the fact that the
Powers have already accepted the
formula suggested.

Admitting the Powers at the pre-
paratory conference stumbled over
the question of what branch of
armaments should first be taken
up, President Coolidge feels that
this is no objection to his proposals,
which, by suggesting that naval
limitation should be proceeded with,
may provide a way of escape.—
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Washington, Feb. 12.
The Senate has passed the Farm
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WEEK-END SOCCER.

CHINESE DO WELL IN BOTH GAMES.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

[By "Wanderer."]

The Chinese again demonstrated their ability to beat the Club de Recreo—it will be remembered that China defeated Portugal in the International Charity Cup Competition—and the score of 3-1 by no means exaggerated their superiority yesterday afternoon.

The Recreo were without Gosano, who is suffering from a leg injury, and his constructive efforts were seriously missed. The Chinese opened the scoring ten minutes after the start, Wong Shui-wa sending past Silva with a high shot. The score maintained until the interval, at which stage the Recreo were playing nine men, Ogley and C. F. Remedios having left the field injured.

Ogley returned in the second half, but he was of little value to the side. China had the better of the second-half exchanges, but the Recreo scored first, Rocha heading through a centre by Brown. Suen Kam-shun and Chen Chan-wo scored for China before the end.

Tao Kwai-sing, Hongkong's inter-club outside-right was ordered off the field near the end. Twice previously he had been cautioned by Mr. Phillips for dangerous fouls.

A GOOD PERFORMANCE.

The Combined Chinese team brought off a good performance in drawing with the Hongkong Inter-Club XI on Saturday. The Chinese were not so strongly represented as they were against the Recreo yesterday, and they did well to share four goals, more particularly as they were two down at the interval.

Brittain took Gosano's place in the side, Suen Kam-shun occupying the centre-forward berth. McGilnehey and Tao Kwai-sing scored for the Interclubers before the interval, and Li Wai-tong and Fung King-cheung scored equalisers in the second half.

Sims was the outstanding player in the Interclub side, but the absence of Gosano interfered with the forward combination and the quietness rarely got together, passes frequently going astray.

The Chinese gave a capital exhibition after the interval, and deserved both goals. Near the end the brilliance of Pau Ka-ping in goal prevented Hongkong from forcing a victory.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

Three junior matches were played in the Hongkong Football League on Saturday, the Borderers Reserves defeating Kowloon Reserves by four clear goals (Crawley 4), the Royal Artillery Reserves defeating the University by the only goal of the match (Jobe penalty), while in the Junior "B" Division, the Moslem Club scored twice without reply against the section leaders, St. Joseph's and by winning their next game can draw level on points.

KOWLOON DO WELL.

Kowloon played a friendly match against H.M.S. Frobiisher on Saturday and won by the only goal of a hard game. H.M.S. Frobiisher were strongly represented, but were weak in front of goal.

Kowloon's goal was the result of a clever combined movement, McKelvie to Hayes, Hayes to May, May to Orr, who beat the goalkeeper easily. It came five minutes from the start. A wonderful display by the Frobiisher goalkeeper saved the visitors in the second half, though Orr missed a sitter near the end.

Kowloon are to play the Suffolk Regiment on Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 p.m.

The thirty-eighth ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. will be held on Saturday, March 5, at 11 a.m. at the Company's Offices at P. and O. Building.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE RESULTS.

Arsenal	1	Leeds U.	0
Blackburn R.	2	Leicester	1
Bolton Wan.	0	Aston Villa	1
Bury	3	Birmingham	1
Derby City	4	Burnley	1
Liverpool	1	Everton	0
Huddersfield	1	Wednesday	3
Manchester U.	1	Cardiff	1
Sheffield U.	2	Newcastle	1
Sunderland	2	West Ham	3
West Brom	5	Tottenham	0

DIVISION I.

Blackpool	2	Portsmouth	0
Bradford C.	0	Preston N. E.	1
Clapton O.	2	Notts City	1
Fulham	1	Chelsea	5
Grimsby	2	Oldham Ath.	0
Middlesbrough	2	Wolves	0
Notts Forest	3	Barnsley	1
Port Vale	0	Hull	0
Rending	4	Darlington	2
Southampton	6	8th Shildes	1
Swansea	1	Manchester C.	3

DIVISION II.

Aberdare	2	Gillingham	1
B'Mouth	1	Coventry	2
Brentford	0	Bristol R.	0
Brighton	5	Exeter	2
Bristol C.	1	Queen's P. R.	0
Charlton	1	Millwall	0
Luton	0	Southend	0
Newport	2	Watford	0
Northampton	1	Swindon	0
Norwich	4	Merthyr	1
Plymouth	7	Crystal Pal.	1

DIVISION III.

Ashington	0	Stoke	2
Barrow	0	Lincoln	2
Chesterfield	5	Rotherham	0
Crewe	4	Accrington	0
Hartlepool	4	Durham	0
Nelson	1	Bradford	0
Now Brighton	0	Doncaster	2
Southport	1	Reckdale	1
Stockport	2	Tranmere	1
Walsall	0	Halifax	1

The Wrexham-Wigan match was not played.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Clyde	1	Dunfermline	1
Dundee	0	St. Johnstone	2
Dundee U.	1	Celtic	2
Falkirk	2	Hearts	1
Hamilton	2	Aberdeen	0
Hibernians	3	Partick T.	2
Kilmarnock	4	Airdrieonians	0
Morton	0	Motherwell	3
Queen's Park	5	Dundee U.	0
Rangers	4	St. Mirren	0

SCOTTISH CUP.

Playing in the second round of the Scottish Cup Breckburn and Montrose again drew scoring two goals each.—*Reuter.*

HOME RUGBY.

ENGLAND BEATS IRELAND.

London, February 12. In dull and foggy weather at Twickenham yesterday, before 40,000 spectators, England beat Ireland by eight points to six in the Rugby International.

The pace was tremendous throughout. Ireland attacked from the outset, the first scrum taking place in the English twenty-five. The Irishmen continued to have the better of matters and after 20 minutes play Stevenson scored from a penalty goal. The Englishmen improved, but failed to score. At half-time the score was Ireland three, England nil.

After 13 minutes play from the resumption, Laird scored a try for England, Slattery converting. The Irishmen pressed hard, Hugh McKelvie scoring an unconverted try. Ten minutes before the close, Gibbs scored an unconverted try for England, making the score eight points to six in favour of England.—*Reuter.*

THE DAVIS CUP.

S. AFRICAN AND SWISS CHALLENGES.

New York, Feb. 12. The United States Lawn Tennis Association has received Davis Cup challenges from South Africa and Switzerland. Both will play in the European zone.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GOLF.

SHEWAN WINS CAPTAINS CUP FINAL.

Playing on the old course at Fanling yesterday, I. V. Shewan (1) beat J. S. MacLaren (12) in the final of the Captain's Cup by three up and two to play.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF MR. G. W. AVENELL.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. G. W. Avenell, which took place early yesterday morning at the Government Civil Hospital, where he had been a patient for the past fortnight, suffering from typhoid. The deceased was very well known and much respected locally, having resided in the Colony for very many years, his geniality winning for him a large circle of friends.

Born in Farnham, England, on March 9, 1880, Mr. Avenell was approaching his 47th birthday. He came to Hongkong in 1902, with the Sherwood Foresters. After serving some time here, he went with the regiment to Singapore but returned to the Colony as Armourer Staff Sergeant to the Police and Hongkong Volunteers. In March, 1918, he joined Messrs. Lane, Crawford. He was manager of the Ship Chandlery Department. He was very popular and a large number of friends heard of his death yesterday with the deepest sorrow.

Mr. Avenell had seen considerable service with H. M. Forces prior to coming to the Colony. He went through the South African War and it was there that he won his D. C. M. In those days machine guns were attached to infantry and Mr. Avenell, although wounded, kept his gun going and saved the situation at Wagon Hill, for which he received his decoration.

His military service enabled him to become a very useful member of the Hongkong Volunteers. As stated above he was Armourer Staff Sergeant of the Corps, and being an authority on small arms he was also of great assistance to the Hongkong Police. Of his other interests, he had been for many years a keen member of the Kowloon Cricket Club. He also took a keen interest in lawn tennis, having been a member of the Committee of the now defunct Wigan Tennis Club. He was also a keen golfer and an enthusiastic worker for the Y. M. C. A. and the Philharmonic Society. When the "Pirates of Penzance" was produced by the Society a few weeks ago, he acted as property master. For a time the deceased was on the Committee of the Kowloon Resident Association.

He was also a Freemason, being a member of Zetland Lodge.

Mr. Avenell leaves a widow and a child at home to whom the deepest sympathy will go out.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, passing the monument at 5.30 p.m. In all probability the deceased will be laid to rest with military honours. It is anticipated that many Volunteers will be present in uniform.

Sympathetic reference to the late Mr. Avenell was made by Mr. J. H. Hunt, the secretary of the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon where Mr. Avenell had lived since the opening a year last November, at the Sunday service last evening.

Mr. Hunt spoke of him as one of the first residents and as a man who impressed other members of the Association with his refreshing personality. He had been a true friend of all the other residents and his death removed a member the Association could ill afford to lose.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER.

ENGLAND AND WALES DRAW.

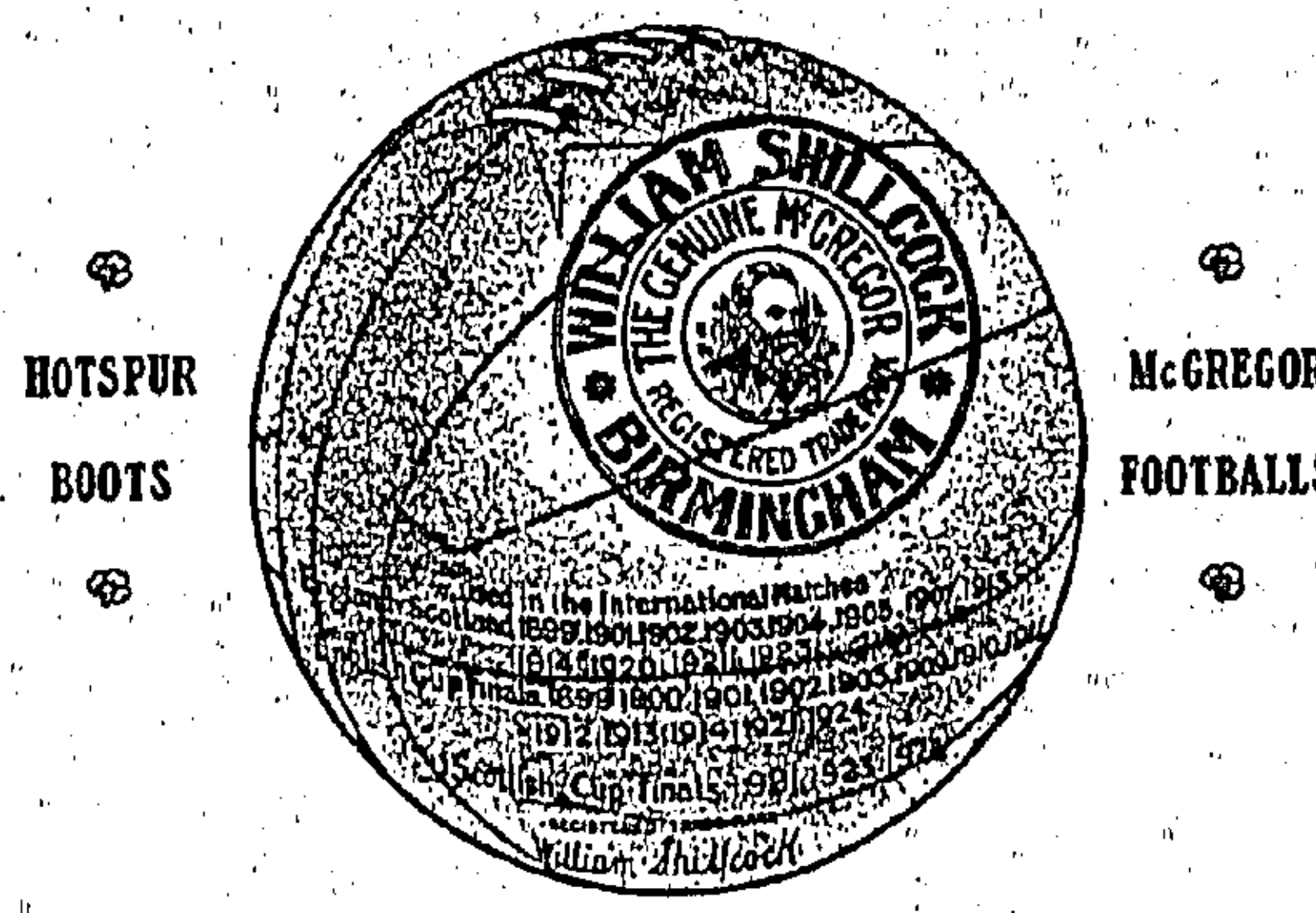
London, Feb. 13. Playing at Wrexham, in dull weather and before 15,000 spectators, England and Wales drew, three goals all.

It was a fast game and ended in an exciting tussle. A draw is a fair reflex of the play. Dean, the Everton centre forward, netted for England, and the Welsh centre forward, Len Davies, equalised. Walker, the Aston Villa inside left, with a grand shot gave England the lead, but Len Davies again equalised, netting from a penalty shot. At half time the score was two goals all.

Lewis, the Swansea inside right put Wales ahead after quarter of an hour's play but three minutes later Dean brought the scores level with a low shot.—*Reuter.*

A conservancy cooler, charged with committing an assault, with two others, on a watchman at Percival Street, was sent to-day to prison for fourteen days, without the option. Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the prosecution.

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Mercantile C.,	\$13 1/2	n.
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East Asia,	\$84	n.
Marine Ins.		
Canton Ins.,	\$655	b.
China Underwriters,	\$90	b.
North China, Tls.	\$145	n.
Union Ins.,	\$285	b.
Yankee Ins.,	\$40	n.
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ENGLISH CUP.			
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Chelsea	v	Burnley	
Arsenal	v	Liverpool	
Bolton	v	Cardiff	
South'mpton	v	Newcastle	
Millwall	v	Middlesbrough	
Reading	v	Brentford	
S. Shields	v	Swansea	
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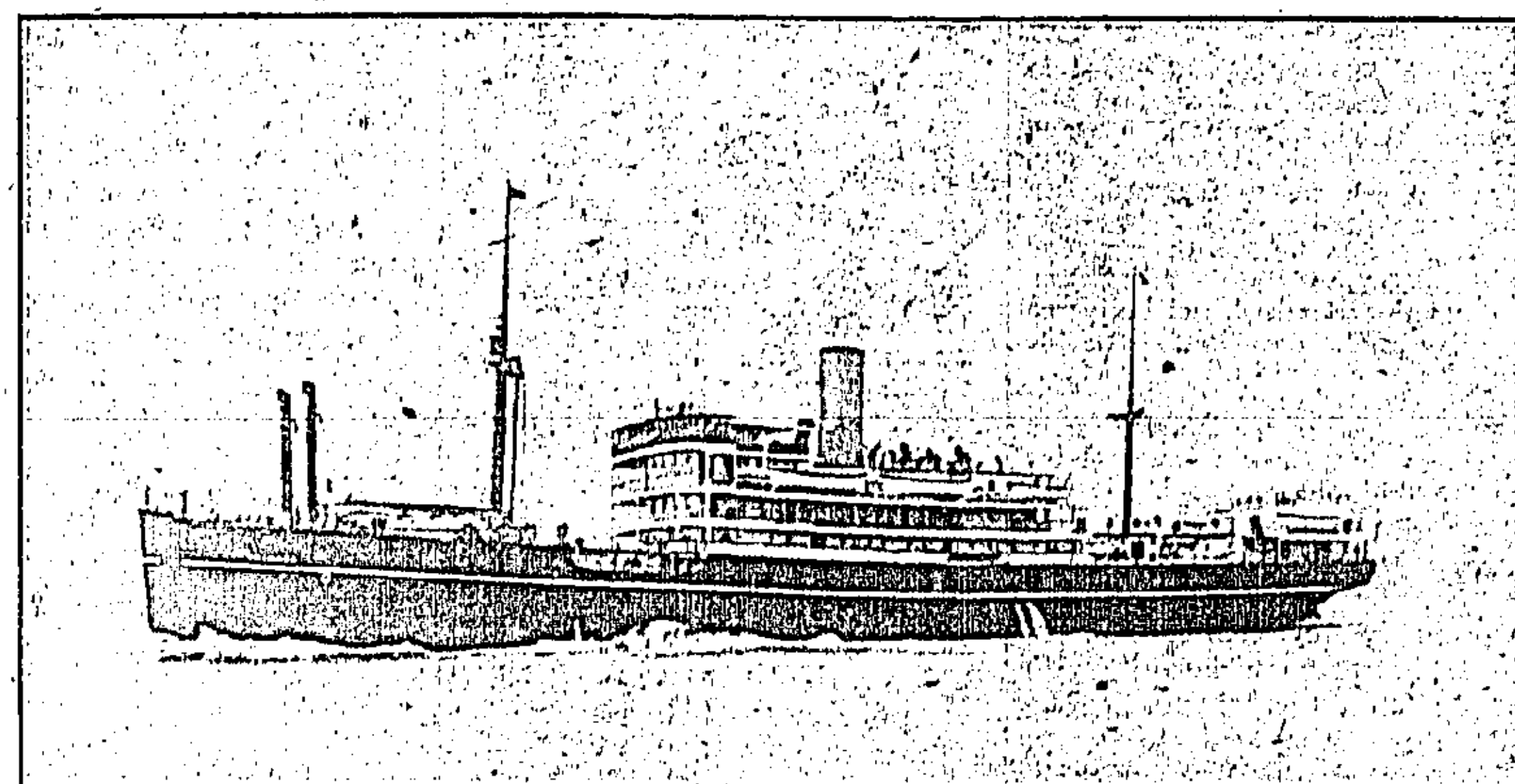
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HANKOW PARLEY.

THE CHEN-O'MALLEY CONVERSATIONS.

Hankow, Feb. 13.
Mr. Eugene Chen and Mr.
O'Malley had a conference this
afternoon at the conclusion of
which it was officially stated that
nothing is yet available for
publication.—*Reuter.*

Report Denied.

Geneva, Feb. 13.
There is no truth in the report
that the League of Nations is
endeavouring to get into contact
with the Chinese Nationalist Gov-
ernment. League circles point out
that they recognise only one China,
which is already represented, and
the League could not take any in-
itiative in the affairs of China.
Anyhow, no action can be taken
without a decision by the Council
or Assembly of the League.—*Reuter.*

American Marines.

The Navy Department has in-
formed President Coolidge that the
detachment of American Marines
for Shanghai will be distributed
among the American warships
there, and will not land unless
the emergency arises.—*Reuter's
American Service.*

Royal Artillery Unit.

London, Feb. 12.
Thirteen officers and 250 men of
the First Field Brigade of the
Royal Artillery have left for
Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

The Destroyers.

Gibraltar, Feb. 12.
The Eighth Destroyer Flotilla
has arrived en route to China. It
is not expected to resume the
voyage before Monday.—*Reuter.*
Malta, Feb. 12.
The aircraft carrier Argus and
the cruiser Dauntless have left
for China.—*Reuter.*

THE CUSTOMS.

NORTH TO COLLECT SURTAXES.

Hankow, Feb. 12.
The Nationalist Government has
appointed a commission consisting
of Mr. Eugene Chen, Mr. T. V.
Soong and Mr. Sun Fo to investi-
gate and report on the new situa-
tion in connexion with the Customs,
created by the dismissal of
Sir F. Aglen, which is regarded as
a challenge from the Peking Gov-
ernment.It is officially stated that the
Nationalist Government does not
recognise the appointment of Mr.
Edwards as Sir Francis Aglen's
successor.—*Reuter.*

Northern Scheme.

Peking, Feb. 13.
The Commissioner for Foreign
Affairs at Tientsin has notified
the Consuls that the Chinese
Superintendent of Customs has
been appointed Director for the
collection of the surtaxes, which
he will commence levying imme-
diately. Any surtax paid in to
the Maritime Customs will not be
regarded as legal.A Surtax Bureau will be opened
at the branch office of the Bank of
Communications in the Customs
compound.It is believed the same policy
will be adopted in other northern
ports, thus obviating the difficulty
of attempting to compel the For-
eign Customs officials to collect
the surtax, which led to Sir F.
Aglen's dismissal.The Japanese Consul at Tientsin
has protested, but the British and
American Consuls do not intend
to protest.—*Reuter.*

NORTHERN CLASH.

FIGHTING AMONG ALLIED TROOPS.

Peking, Feb. 12.
The Ankuechun Headquarters,
interviewed by *Reuter* this morn-
ing, admit that there is some
truth in newspaper reports of
fighting between Fengtien troops
and Wu Pei-fu troops in Honan.They say the fighting is due to
a misunderstanding by sub-
ordinates.The Fengtien troops disarmed
certain Wu Pei-fu troops who at-
tempted to prevent the advance to
Chengchow.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE BISHOP.

Paris, Feb. 12.
Monsignor Tsu, one of the re-
cently consecrated Chinese
Bishops, has left Marseilles for
China aboard the General Metain-
ger.—*Reuter.*

NIGARGUAN WAR.

BATTALION OF WOMEN WARRIORS.

Managua, Feb. 12.
During the fighting at Chinan-
dega the Nicaraguan Conserva-
tives were helped by a battalion
of women, headed by Senorita Natalia
Garcia, a girl, twenty years of age.
The battalion worked feverishly
passing ammunition to the men in
the trenches, cleaning the guns
and distributing food under fire.

Sixteen women were wounded.

Natalia Garcia was struck by a
bullet in the left breast and seri-
ously wounded.—*Reuter's Ameri-
can Service.*

Battle-Torn Town.

Washington, Feb. 12.
Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the
Navy, has ordered both the United
States cruisers in Nicaraguan
waters to despatch all their avail-
able tinned milk to the battle-torn
town of Chinandega, where the
people are reported to be greatly
distressed, with the children
starving.The town has been taken and re-
taken by the opposing Conserva-
tive and Liberal Nicaraguan forces
twice, and has been bombarded
two days this week.Nine blocks of buildings have
been destroyed, and it is estimated
that three hundred people have
been killed and five hundred
wounded on both sides of the
struggle.The medical staff of one of the
American cruisers has proceeded
to the town.—*Reuter's American
Service.*

KING'S GIFT.

AIMS DISH FOR NEW YORK CATHEDRAL.

Rugby, Feb. 12.
To-morrow Sir Eame Howard,
the British Ambassador in Wash-
ington, will formally hand over to
the new Episcopalian Cathedral of
Saint John the Divine, New York,
an aims dish in silver presented
by King George.The Cathedral has been complet-
ed with the aid of subscriptions
from persons of all religious de-
nominations, and the King has
made his gift to commemorate this
good work.—*British Wireless Ser-
vice.*[Several words are doubtful
owing to bad atmospheric condi-
tions.]

THE WIZARD.

EDISON CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY.

New York, Feb. 12.
With 1,150 inventions to his credit,
Mr. Thomas Alva Edison celebrat-
ed his eightieth birthday on Feb. 11
by taking a holiday which he spent
in the company of Mr. Henry Ford
reading hundreds of telegrams of
congratulations.
Interviewed by a crowd of re-
porters, Mr. Edison said that of all
his inventions he would prefer to be
remembered by the phonograph.
Experimenting had been his
favourite amusement. "Nature has
many surprises, and it is great fun
to pull them out of the unknown."—*Reuter's American Service.*

SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATION.

The Hague, Feb. 13.
The famous Dutch Islamist,
Doctor Snouck Hurgronje, on the
occasion of his seventieth birth-
day, was presented with funds for
the Snouck Hurgronje Founda-
tion, to which Holland, the native
princes of the Indies and scien-
tists all over the world contri-
buted.—*Reuter.*

KIDNAPPED EDITOR.

SENTENCE ON MR. FRANCIS ZIA.

Shanghai, Feb. 12.
The North China Daily News
understands that Mr. Francis Zia,
Managing Editor of the *China
Courier*, has been sentenced by the
military authorities to three and a
half years' imprisonment.—*Reuter.*

EARTHQUAKE.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.
A report from Calexico states
that a series of earthquakes rock-
ed the Imperial Valley this morn-
ing. Damage was confined to
buildings which were under repair
as the result of shocks in the same
district on New Year's day.—*Reuter's American Service.*

IDLE FLEET.

CHINA MERCHANT OFFICERS.

NOW IN SAD PLIGHT.

The seventy foreign officers of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co. who were thrown out of employment at practically a day's notice when their services with the company were terminated last week, are faced with a desperate situation, says the *Shanghai Times*. The majority of them have wives and families either in Shanghai or at Home, and in view of the present economic situation in Shanghai and elsewhere in China there seems little prospect of their securing employment of any kind to tide over the crisis.

REFUSED SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION.

Many of the discharged officers have no homes in Shanghai and have been accustomed to living on board the vessels when in port but even this privilege has been denied them now. They have been cut adrift with a month's pay at short notice and with the unwelcome prospect of looking for a home for an indefinite period. Efforts were made by Mr. W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, to secure permission from the Company to allow the discharged officers to sleep on board the idle vessels and occupy their former cabins without any obligation to the Company either in respect of food or payment, but this has been reluctantly denied them by the Company.

Three reasons have been put forward for this refusal, namely, that in the event of permission being granted the foreign officers there would be a similar demand by the discharged Chinese seamen and others which would have to be refused. Secondly, owing to the military situation, with only the master of the vessel and the chief engineer left to take care of the vessels with a crew of six sailors, there was less likelihood of the vessel being commandeered.

PROMISE TO TAKE OFFICERS BACK.

These, and one or two minor reasons, were given for the refusal of the request, but Mr. Fu Siao-en, managing director of the Company, stated that he would give his personal guarantee that the men who had been dismissed should be re-engaged under the same conditions and on the same rates of pay at the end of the trouble and as soon as there was any possibility of the Company resuming operations. An attempt is to be made to get the other directors to agree to the same thing.

This situation arose out of the Company's decision to discharge all junior officers on vessels belonging to the Company at present lying idle in Shanghai. This was effected on February 1 when the men received a month's salary for the period ended January 31 and no notice was given. Thus, approximately 70 foreign officers and several hundred Chinese were forced "on the beach" and are likely to remain there for some time unless they have the good fortune to secure other positions. Many of them are prepared to struggle along on what little savings they may have, in the hope of being re-instated in the near future; but there are others who fear that there is little prospect of this in view of the present financial position of the Company. All the discharged officers are of junior rank, but that does not necessarily mean that they have not given lengthy service to the company. Some of them were even on the eve of retirement after long and faithful service. Their prospects of a pension and passage home seem very remote.

MASTERS ON HALF PAY.

The master and chief engineers of the vessels in Shanghai have been retained for the time being in the Company's service, but on half pay only.

The Company has been forced to take these drastic steps owing to the continued commandeering of its ships by the military in various parts of the Yangtze Valley and Canton for troop movements and other military operations. The resultant loss of trade has forced the Company to the wall and the threat of bankruptcy hangs over its head if the same set of circumstances continue.

Sooner than have the vessels commandeered by the military the Company decided to tie up many of them and, as a result, every officer and man who is not absolutely essential for the operation of the vessels has been discharged.

"FRIENDLY GAME."

TECHNICAL OFFENCE PROVED.

The case in which the defendant solicitor described the offence as a "friendly game" of dominoes, came up for hearing before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. In place of Mr. F. E. Loseby, who appeared at the previous hearing, Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended to-day, his case being that all the defendants were inmates of a fish-shop, and were indulging in a friendly game at the time of the police visit.

The evidence relied on by the prosecution was given by a Chinese constable, who acted as "pigeon-stool" in the case. This witness said that he watched one hand, discovered how it shaped out for the seven players, and called in the police. During the resultant raid, a tin was seized, which, the police submitted, was used as a receptacle to contain the commission. In apportioning the respective responsibility in the case, the police enquired for the principal tenant, but this individual was held to have gone into the country, leaving the shop in the charge of his daughter-in-law. She was the No. 1 defendant in Court.

Called upon by Mr. Russ to give an exposition in Court of the game he saw, witness sorted out the dominoes, and asserted that the game played was *pai-kau*—a more "hectic" form of gambling than the *tee-kau* suggested by the defendant solicitor.

In the witness-box, the No. 1 defendant said that the principal tenant of the shop was her father-in-law who owned the business. The No. 2 defendant came into the shop to amuse herself with the baby, No. 3 defendant was an egg-seller doing business with the shop, No. 4 was a shop-fok, No. 5 was her husband, No. 6 was another fok, while No. 7 was her younger brother. The game played was a friendly one, little money being passed, and although the tin was used to contain commission, the commission would ultimately go towards the cost of a little supper.

Mr. Russ explained that this bore some analogy to the "kitty" at a poker game.

His Worship found that there had been technical infringement in the taking of commission. He was prepared to discharge the defendants with a caution, but the money seized and dominoes would be confiscated.

lately essential for the safe-keeping of the vessels has been dispensed with.

The position with the discharged men is extremely serious and there is a feeling among many of them that services with the Company have been definitely terminated. Some are prepared to struggle along hoping for the best but others would like to know definitely whether their services will be required again in the event of the Company resuming operations.

This assurance has been definitely given by Mr. Fu Siao-en, according to Mr. W. E. Kirby, but the assurances of the other directors would relieve the suspense of the men who have assisted in bringing prosperity to the Company by their devoted service to its interests at all times.

MR. SUN FO ORDERS INVESTIGATION.

Mr. Sun Fo, Minister of Communications of the Nationalist Government, on February 9th made public the following order regarding the China Merchant Steam Navigation Company which has stopped its services:

"Notice is hereby given that whereas the China Merchant Steam Navigation Company has suddenly on its own account discontinued its sailing service, thus deranging the communication facilities of the country and jeopardizing the interest of stockholders; therefore the Ministry of Communications, in order to safeguard the interest of the Company and its stockholders, undertakes to appoint a special committee of investigation. Pending the investigation no sale, mortgage, transfer of steamers, godowns, wharves and other properties by the present management of the said company under any pretext to whatever parties shall be permitted or recognized as valid by the Nationalist Government.—By order, Sun Fo, Minister of Communications, dated 9th February."

This notification is sent to the head office of the company at Shanghai, the General Chambers of Commerce throughout the country and the Bankers Association, Shanghai.

NAVAL DISARMAMENT.

ITALY'S EXPECTED RESERVATIONS.

Rome, Feb. 13.

Signor Mussolini has already conferred with the Chief of the Naval General Staff regarding President Coolidge's Memorandum.

The semi-official view is, that without claiming to anticipate the reply, it may at present be stated that Italy, in view of her modest naval programme, cannot consent to measures likely to endanger her vital interests. Moreover, new factors have emerged since 1922, like the breakdown of the Rome conference of small naval Powers and the naval armaments acceleration programmes of the Great and Small Powers at present in the Mediterranean.—*Reuter*.

PERTINENT CONUNDRUMS.

London, Feb. 13.

Commenting in the *Observer*, upon President Coolidge's proposal for the limitation of those classes of warships not covered by the Washington Treaty, Mr. J. L. Garvin says that "France, Italy and Japan will resist the limitation of submarines. Then, how can the British Empire reduce cruisers? Again, in view of the oceanic character and extent of the British Empire a considerable number of our cruisers are required in peacetime for peace purposes. Would it do any good at this juncture, if Britain's power of naval movement were crippled in the Far East while, by land, Russia were free to send into China agents and munitions without restriction? Are flying forces to be free to bomb naval bases while naval forces are weakened in their power to act against nations containing flying bases? If the Russian armies are to be organised without restriction, are the possibilities of naval counterpoise to be diminished in the Baltic, the North Sea and the Mediterranean? Would this make for tranquillity and reinforce guarantees for peace? These are only few of the conundrums which will protract discussion and jeopardise conclusions. None the less, President Coolidge's proposal is heartily to be welcomed.

AN ELUSIVE RATIO.

The *Sunday Times*, remarks that the definite ratio of strength fixed in the Washington Agreement for capital ships has been honourably observed. The case for a ratio is by no means so clear with the smaller ships. Battleships and armoured cruisers are of no use except to fight fleet actions in war and their strength may not unfairly be conditioned by purely political circumstances which are within the control of diplomacy. Light cruisers and destroyers have a use in battle but their principal function is to police the seas and to execute a blockade, which, it must be remembered, is one of the means of coercion contemplated by the Covenant against a Power recalcitrant to the authority of the League. The number of smaller craft that a nation requires depends, therefore, very much on the size and extent of its commitments at sea. An island Empire, like the British, with its immense merchant fleet, presents a much greater target to attack than any other country. While a fair diplomatic ratio for capital ships was easily discovered at Washington, the ratio for smaller craft that should take into account very complicated geographical and economic considerations might well prove more elusive.—*British Wireless*.

UNGRATEFUL!

KINDNESS RETURNED BY THEFT.

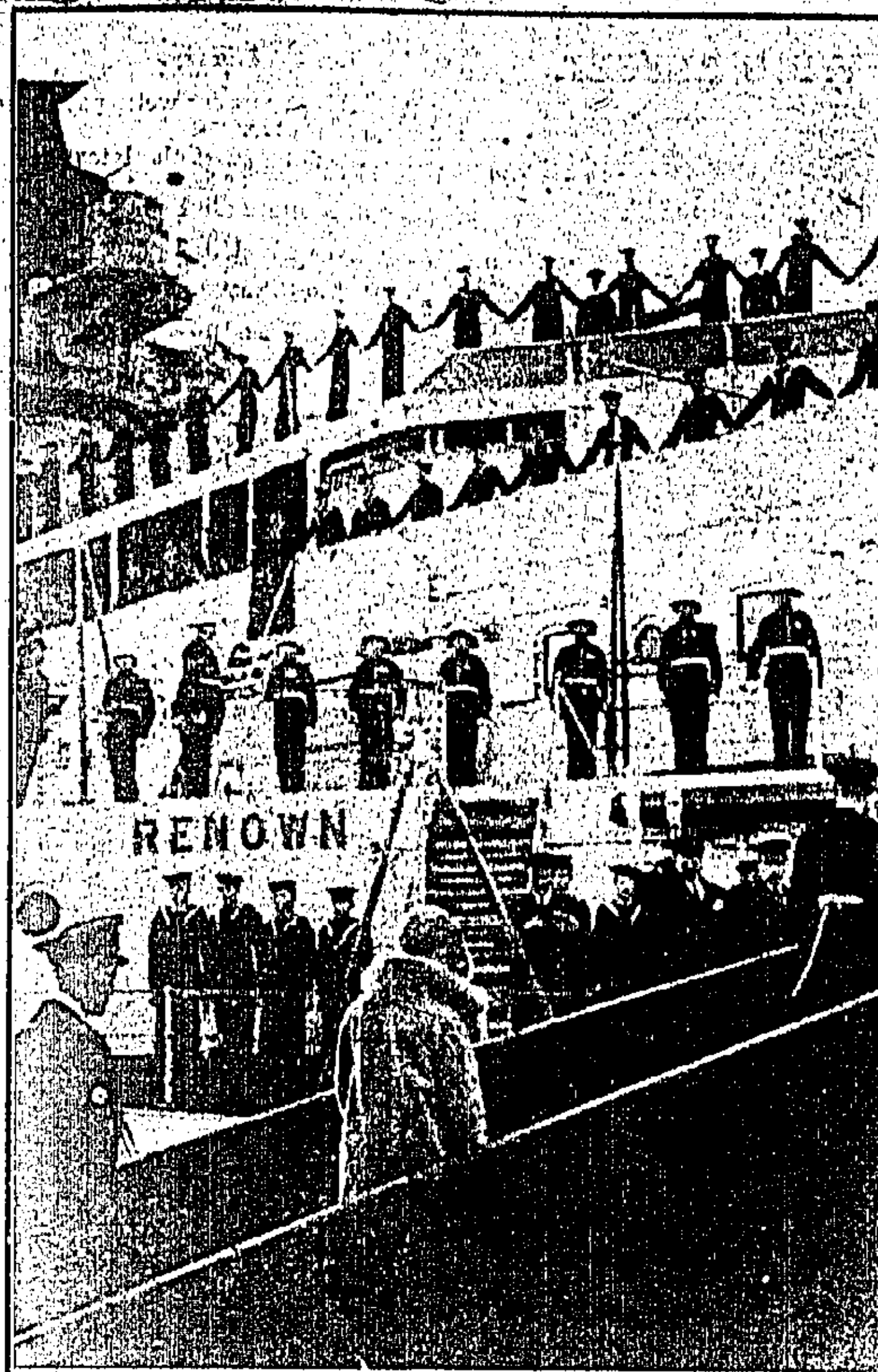
A story of how a man returned his friends' kindness by robbing them, was related to Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese was charged with the theft of clothing and other property.

He pleaded guilty.

Detective Sergeant Carey stated that, newly-arrived from the country without a job and without a home, the defendant was taken in by friends and looked after at their home in Queen's Road Central. During the night, while they slept, he sneaked out from the house, taking with him a basket full of clothing. He was arrested at two o'clock in the morning in Des Voeux Road.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

ROYAL TOUR BEGINS.



The Duke and Duchess of York going on board the Renown, on her departure from England, followed by the Prince of Wales.

AUTHORITY EXCEEDED.

REBUFF TO KWANGSI KUOMINTANG.

The future existence of Chinese Chambers of Commerce in the important centres of Kwangsi was threatened by an order which was recently issued by the Kuomintang Headquarters in Kwangsi and which ordered "the dissolution" of all the Chambers of Commerce in the different parts of the Province. In consequence of this order, many merchant organisations closed their offices.

The order has, however, given rise to a difference of opinion between the military and civil authorities in the province, the former declaring that the Kwangsi Kuomintang Headquarters had no right to issue the order, as such an important matter as the dissolution of "people's organisations" rested entirely in the hands of the Government, and that the Kuomintang had exceeded its powers. The military authorities took the matter further by asking the Provincial Government for immediate redress by the cancellation of the illegal order.

It is now reported that the Government has issued a statement promising all Chambers of Commerce its protection and asking them to re-open and function for trading purposes as usual.

NO PASSPORTS.

TRAVELLING PERFORMERS CHARGED.

Two members of a travelling troupe of performers, John and Steve Floris, who came to the Colony without proper papers, were taken into custody on their arrival from Canton, and charged before Mr. Schofield this morning.

Mr. T. H. King who prosecuted, asked for a conviction on the charge of lacking proper passports, in view of the circumstances of the case, with an order for their ultimate deportation from Hongkong. He had consulted Mr. F. C. Vaux, who appeared for the defence, and understood that arrangements would be made during the period of a short remand, for which he was now applying, for the defendants' departure.

Mr. Vaux said that this was so. The police were within their rights in taking proceedings on the question of passports.

The two defendants, who stated that they belong to a troupe of fourteen, which included women and children, and that they originated from Wisconsin, although domiciled in Argentina, were remanded until Thursday, being allowed bail of \$150 each.

Rupert Clark, seven years old, is now a millionaire and one of Great Britain's largest landowners. His father died recently at Monte Carlo. The estate includes 113,000 acres near Melbourne, Australia.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SHARING PLAYING GROUNDS.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In view of the fact that several thousand additional British troops will shortly be arriving here for a probable stay of several months, it is obvious that the Colony's present playing grounds are, apart from radical re-distribution and re-allotment, wholly insufficient to meet the imminent pressing need for giving numerous opportunities for active exercise to these extra Forces.

Under these circumstances, it is obviously necessary for civilians to practise self-denial for the general good of all, by sharing their playing grounds, in a liberal manner, with the new military contingents who will urgently require good hard exercise to keep them well and fit.

There are also several hundred additional naval men in the Colony to be provided for.—Yours, etc., CIVILIAN.

Hongkong, Feb. 14th, 1927.

HATS AND CAPS.

KOWLOON COURT CASES.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, hats and caps formed the subject of three charges brought against a trio of Chinese before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth. A young boy was sentenced to two months' hard labour for larceny of a felt hat from a matshed at Cheung Sha Wan. The defendant had been convicted of larceny on two previous occasions.

When charged with snatching a cap from a small baby, an 18-year-old Chinese stated that he wanted to raise some money to pay his ferry fare to Hongkong. Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed.

Seen wearing a hat in the Court room, a Chinese coolie was fined \$1 for contempt of Court.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"THE DUST FLOWER."

A very interesting Screen Snapshot, followed by "Fool Proof," a clever Christie comedy, featuring Nell Burns, and "The Dust Flower" comprise the programme at present showing at the Queen's Theatre. Helen Chadwick, who plays the part of Letty Gravely in the main picture, acts with great appeal. The story shows how a girl is saved from suicide by a young millionaire, her hasty marriage and the subsequent outcome.

The film, though dramatic, has plenty of light and entertaining touches provided by Claud Gillingwater in the role of a butler. As such he teaches Letty how to be a lady, adding "I know all the ways of a lady."

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LEAGUE CRICKET.

WIN FOR KOWLOON.

There were two matches played on Saturday which had a material bearing on the relative positions of the leading teams in both Leagues and in each case the winners established themselves in commanding positions at the top of their respective divisions.

In the senior division the Kowloon team is one point above the Civil Service, with two matches in hand, and in the junior the Indians are three points ahead of the Police.

DIVISION I.

Kowloon v. Civil Service.
All through the week there was much conjecture as to what would be the ultimate result of the match between the two leading teams, and though it was not thought that the Hoppy Valley men, who were then at the top of the League, would administer a defeat to the Kowloon players, it was generally expected that a draw would result.

By their victory, the Kowloon XI has gained such a commanding lead over the other teams that it does not seem that they will be deposed of their position at the head of the League table. They have yet to meet the Indians and Kowles, (who are their only strong opponents) the Royal Artillery and the Royal Engineers.

Saturday's match was played on the Kowloon ground, where the Civil Service batsmen took first knock. The home bowlers were in fine form with the ball and the innings realised only 132 runs, of which Sayer contributed 64. Goodwin took five wickets for 29 and Ross 4 for 30.

With a good start, the visitors' total was passed with only six Kowloon wickets down. Stumps were drawn with the score at 142. Lyle was the most successful batsman, scoring 35 before being bowled.

Craigengower v. Navy.
On the Craigengower ground, the home team was defeated by the Royal Navy by five wickets, the hosts batting first and scoring 136 while the Navy replied with 143 for five wickets. For Craigengower, Omar made 33 and Ismail 26, Beatty taking six wickets for 25 runs. Agnew (79) was the top scorer for the Navy team.

DIVISION II.

Indians v. Police.
The Indians and the Police met on the Sookumpoo ground to decide the issue of the second Division honours for the season. The Indians, with the advantage of playing at home, were victorious by 47 runs, thus making the chances for the premier place secure.

With the first seven players all reaching double figures, the Indians were able to declare their innings closed at 183 for the loss of eight wickets. Akber scored 41, while Madar, Hussain, Ismail and Sufiad passed the 20 mark.

Although Alexander scored 40, with three others reaching the twenties, the Police were not as consistent as their opponents and were all dismissed for 136 runs. Going on towards the end, A. K. Minu took five wickets for 32 runs.

Hongkong C.C. v. Tamar.
After defeating the Indian R.C. and the Kowloon C.C., the Tamar went under to the Hongkong C.C. second string, who registered their first victory on Saturday. Up to then they had not scored a single point, but their win still leaves them at the bottom of the League.

The Tamar batted first and scored 101 (Bensley 32) while the Hongkong C.C. replied with 139 for nine wickets (Standage 50 and Nicholson 33). Swift taking eight wickets for 60 runs.

Civil Service v. Kowloon.

The feature of the above match played on the Civil Service ground was the first Second League century of the season, scored by W. Hyde of Kowloon. With 37 runs, Pecharam and 23 from Duncan, the visitors declared with their total at 202 for the loss of eight wickets.

The home players could do no better than 125 runs, of which Sutherland made 23 and Westlake 21. Duncan captured four wickets for 27 runs.

Navy v. University.
This match was played on the Navy ground at Happy Valley and resulted in a win for the home players, who, going in first, knocked up the score of 137 for eight wickets declared. (Palmer 29, Coleridge 26 and Haynes 25). The University innings realised 105 (Baker 30), Atkinson taking four wickets for 22 runs.

LEAGUE TABLES.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Kowloon	6	5	1	0	16
Civil Service	8	4	3	1	15
Royal Navy	7	4	2	1	14
Indian R.C.	6	3	1	1	10
Hongkong C.C.	2	3	1	0	9
Royal Artillery	4	2	2	0	6
University	7	1	2	4	5
K.O.S.B.	2	1	1	3	3
Chinese	6	1	1	5	3
Craigengower	6	1	1	5	3
Royal Engineers	3	1	1	3	3

Division II.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Indian R.C.	8	6	1	1	19
Police	8	5	1	2	16
University	8	4	2	2	14
Recreio	4	1	2	13	13
Kowloon	7	1	3	10	10
R.A.O.C.	7	3	0	4	9
Navy	8	3	0	5	9
Tamar	9	3	0	6	9
Civil Service	6	2	0	4	6
Hongkong C.C.	6	1	0	5	3

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

University v. Hongkong C.C.
The Hongkong C.C. travelled to Pokfulam, where they beat the home

FANLING HUNT.

SATURDAY'S RACING.

The Chinese New Year Meeting of the Fanling Hunt drew an excellent attendance to the Kwanai course on Saturday, when some fine sport was witnessed. The weather was favourable, whilst some fair returns were given by the "pari" and bookies. The afternoon's results were:

Results.

The Maiden Plate 1½ miles, for ponies that have started at Kwanai, steeplechases and not won. Winner \$50, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.
Mr. L. Reidy's Isostacy, (owner) 1.
Mr. A. H. Potts's Two Pairs, (Mr. Ralph) 2.
Mr. W. F. Simmons's Smart Guy, (Mr. Wallace) 3.

Also ran:—Dr. J. C. Macgown's Drake (owner); Lt. P. Q. Roberts's Four of a Kind (owner); Mr. R. H. Charles's Teddy (Mr. MacCartney).
Time: not taken.
Many lengths, many lengths.

Starting prices:—2 to 1 on Two Pairs; 3 to 1 against Isostacy; 4 to 1 on Drake; 11 to 1 on Smart Guy; 20 to 1 on Four of a Kind, Teddy.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$29.10; Places, \$9.50; 5.00; \$12.10.

Cash Sweeps.

Ticket No. 4 \$85.40
" 23 24.40
" 79 12.20

\$10 tickets: 2, 21, 15.
The Fanling Handicap, 1½ miles, Winner \$50, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.
Mr. L. Reidy's Mowgli, (owner) 1.
Mr. A. H. Potts's Craigavad, (Mr. Ralph) 2.

Also ran:—Capt. G. H. R. Abbott's Rivergrass 150 lbs. (owner); Lt. Col. F. Hayley-Bell's Tam 171 lbs. (Lt. Roberts).
Time: 4 mins. 54.1/5 secs.
Dead heat, many lengths.
Starting prices:—2 to 1 on Mowgli; 3 to 1 against Craigavad, Country Mouse, Rivergrass; 10 to 1 on Tam.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner (Mowgli), \$6.30; (Craigavad) \$6.40.
Place (Mowgli) \$6.10 (Craigavad) \$8.30.

(dead heat).

Cash Sweeps.
Ticket No. 4 \$81.00
" 22 81.00
" 8 18.00

\$10 tickets: 35, 27.
The Tally-Ho Foxhunters Steeplechase, 2 miles, for ponies the bona fide property of subscribers.
Winner a cup presented by Capt. R. G. Sturges, R.M., 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwan Tao, (owner) 1.

Dr. J. C. Macgown's Blotting Paper (owner) 2.
Lt. Col. L. J. Comyn's Fireworks, (Mr. Bott) 3.

Also ran:—Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Sparghetti, (owner); Mr. H. C. Macnamara's Benjamin, (Mr. Wallace).
Time: 5 mins. 33.2/5 secs.

8 lengths, many lengths.
Starting prices:—Evans Kwan Tao, Blotting Paper; 3 to 1 against Fireworks; 10 to 1 Sparghetti, Benjamin.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner, \$9.70; Places, \$5.30; \$5.50.

Cash Sweeps.

Ticket No. 29 \$95.20
" 21 27.20
" 6 13.60

\$10 tickets: 28, 85.
The China New Year Stakes, 2 miles, Winner \$50, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Reynolds, (owner) 1.

Also ran: Mr. J. K. Bousfield's Formidable, (owner); Mr. R. H. Charles's Chessman, (Mr. Bott).
Time: 5 mins. 36 secs.
Only one pony finished.

Starting prices:—4 to 1 on Reynolds; 4 to 1 against Formidable; 6 to 1 Chessman.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$5.10. Place, \$5.10.

Cash Sweep.

Ticket No. 39 \$224.00
\$10 tickets: 23, 1.

The United Services Race, 1½ miles, open to Royal Navy, the Army, Royal Air Force and Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Winner \$50, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10.

Capt. V. F. Browne's Bertram, (Capt. Howard) 1.
Lt. Col. L. J. Comyn's Rothsay, (Mr. Reidy) 2.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara's James Pigg, (Mr. Bott) 3.
Also ran:—Mr. A. Nissim's Zircon, (Mr. Lucey); Comdr. E. Broadley's Urgent (owner); Mr. W. F. Simmons's Smart Guy (Mr. Wallace); Mr. A. MacCartney's Gimp (Mr. Ralph).

Time: 4 mins. 17 secs.
A neck, 4 lengths.
Starting prices:—3 to 1 on Rothsay; 3 to 1 against James Pigg; 6 to 1 Bertram, Gimp; 10 to 1 Smart Guy; 12 to 1 Urgent; 20 to 1 Ziron.
Pari-mutuel:—Winner \$101.00, Place 11.00, 5.00, 9.50.

Cash Sweeps.

No. 4 \$151.20
" 24 43.20
" 13 21.60

\$10 tickets 65, 37, 2, 39.

team by seven wickets. The University scored 180 for eight wickets (Extras, 36; E. Zimmerman, 27 and Ng 26). The Hongkong C.C. replied with 218 for three wickets, (Parker 100 not out, and Owen Hughes 88).

Recreio v. R. A. O. C.

The Portuguese team repeated their League success over the R. A. O. C. by again defeating the military team, this time by the narrow margin of five runs.

The R. A. O. C. made 87 (Lako 31 and Walker 27 not out, Marques took five wickets for 15 and Reed four for 34).

The Recreio players made 92 (Lopes 23 and M. F. Pinna 17 not out). Lako took five wickets for 25 and Walker four for 42.

V. R. C. REPORT.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club to be held at the Club house on Friday, February 18, at 8 p.m., the report for the year will be presented.

The financial statement shows a loss on working account during 1926 amounting to \$1,058.10. Subscriptions totalled \$4,802.00 but the expenses were \$7,870.55.

Bad debts recovered during the year were \$400.41. Interest on debentures waived by holders and debentures presented to the Club totalled \$670.58, making the actual loss for the year, as \$681.47.

Reserve account still stands at \$33,374.33 and nothing for depreciation appears in the balance sheet.

The reports of the various sub-committees follow in part:

Club House.

The Club buildings are in a fair state of repair. The slight subsidence which has been taking place since the building was built seems practically to have ceased.

The Club narrowly escaped having the gallery along the west side of the bath condemned as unsafe, and the thanks of the members are due both to Mr. R. M. Dyer for executing the necessary repairs at practically cost price, and to Mr. C. J. Cooke.

Library.

The library was well patronised during the year.

Over a hundred of the latest novels by well-known authors were purchased from the "Times" Book Club, and it is proposed to send them a further order for 144 books.

Owing to the large number of books now in the library, a new bookcase had to be purchased, which was specially designed for the Club by Mr. W. H. Whitley, to whom the thanks of the members are due.

Boat House.

Due to the lack of enthusiasm among the more experienced oarsmen, it was not found practicable to hold a regatta. However, the committee hope to be able to arrange some races next season as there is good material among the younger members and some well-known rowers have kindly offered their services as coxes.

Oars and sculls are badly needed and it is recommended that at least six sets of oars and four pairs of sculls be ordered immediately.

Bath House.

The bath house committee are pleased to report a fairly successful season. Unfortunately owing to the installation of the new filter we were unable to entertain the Japanese swimmers again.

During the season three regular night fetes were held and in addition the harbour race was made the occasion of an abbreviated night fete.

The V.R.C. captained by Mr. S. H. Garrod were again victorious in the water polo competition.

Our annual aquatic sports took place in the beginning of October. Entries were rather poor.

The bath is in good condition but the pump and its motor though workable should be replaced as soon as the Club's finances will permit.

Athletic Sports.

Our 24th annual athletic meeting open to all amateur clubs of the Colony took place on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club (kindly loaned by the Committee) on May 8. The meeting proved most successful and there were good entries for the events.

Gymnasium.

There is little activity in this direction owing to lack of interest but it is hoped to promote enthusiasm in the coming season.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the annual amateur boxing tournament of the V.R.C. was not held but endeavours will be made to hold a tournament in 1927.

Billiards.

The billiard table is in good condition but it is the committee's intention to renovate same as soon as convenient. The annual open billiards championship of the Colony was not held this year.

Obituary.

The committee regret to report the deaths of three members since the last meeting, viz.—Sir C. P. Chater, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. Ho Fook.

NEW FOOD ORDER.

DIFFICULTY OF KEEPING THINGS FRESH.

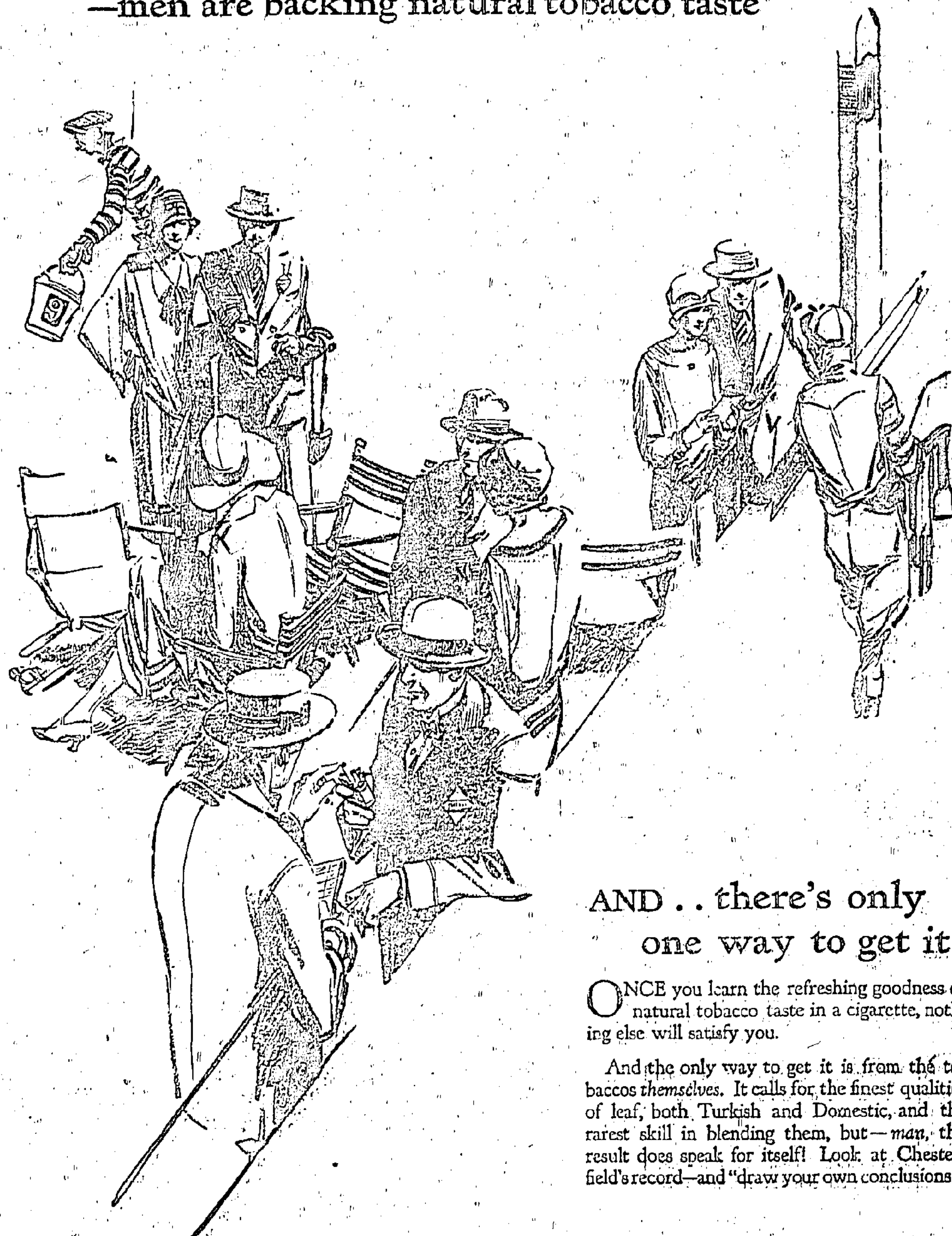
The coming into force recently of the regulations issued by the Ministry of Health banning the use of preservatives or colouring matter in foodstuffs has given rise to complaints in certain sections of the affected trades. Those who criticize the action of the Minister most are the retailers and the small manufacturers, whereas bodies like the Food Manufacturers' Federation and the Manufacturers' Confectioners' Alliance, while taking exception to certain points of detail in the regulations, admit that there is really very little room for complaint.

A high authority connected with the grocery distributive trade described the coming into force of the regulations as a very serious thing for the consumer. "A walk down Regent-street or Kingsway," he said, "almost suggests that the Ministry of Health is actively concerned with the sale of refrigerators. These articles have been

rushed on to the market in the last six or nine months in anticipation of the coming into force of the regulations. These things, however, are only for the wealthy, who can afford to put them into their houses. The puzzling question is: What about the City clerk who cannot afford to spend \$50 to \$100 on a refrigerator or the cost of the upkeep of the domestic ice safe? What about the working man who can get no ice safe and the dwellers in congested districts like Liessongrove, the streets off Aldgate and Whitechapel, or the crowded population of Bermondsey? Where are they going to keep their food in cool conditions?

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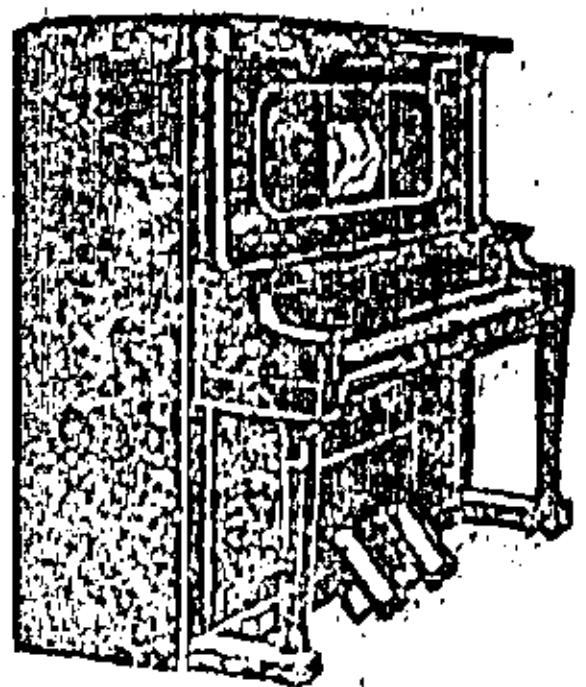
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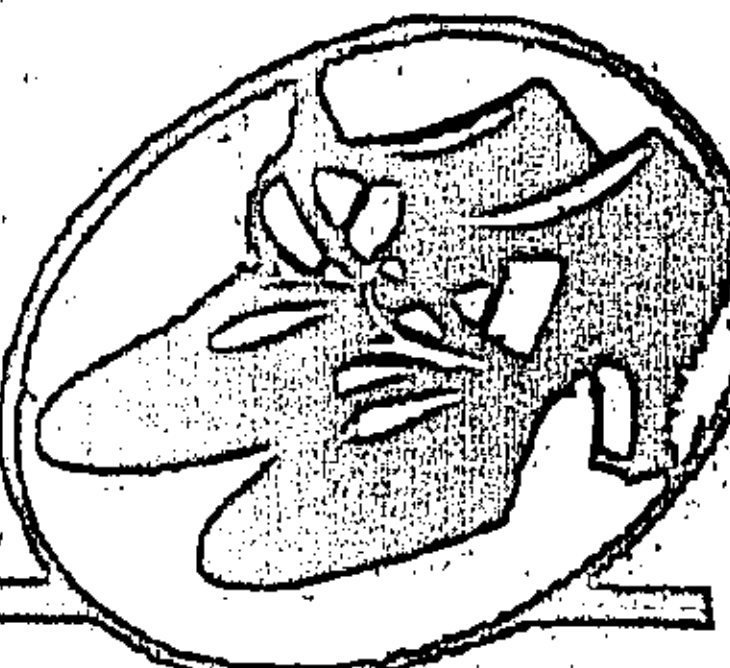
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YACHTING.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS
DECIDED.

The last of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club championships was sailed on Saturday, with the result that Rolla came out top of the Handicap Class, Daphne took the One Design and Gael Class and Bluenose the Hayward Hays.

The course on Saturday was over eight miles, from the Clubhouse to Lyman Beacon, Cust Rock, Clubhouse mark, and Channel Rocks, finishing at Club mark, all to port. The timed results given below are in the sequence of crossing the line and it will be seen that handicaps make a decided difference, putting Rolla back from second to fourth and giving Colleen and La Linda a lift. The season's results give Diana and Dorothea level points for third place in their class. There will in consequence have to be a re-sail to decide which will compete in the race for the Tai Yau Cup, open to the leading three in each division.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.
Handicap Class.

	Finishers	Corrected
Diana (1st)	4:20.42	4:19.14
Rolla (4th)	4:27.13	4:27.13
Colleen (2nd)	4:29.08	4:21.48
La Linda (3rd)	4:30.28	4:23.52
Dorothea (5th)	4:36.32	4:27.44
Argulla II (6th)	4:41.31	4:31.15
Falcon	did not start.	

Gael & One Designs.

Ailsa (1st)	4:45.06	4:45.06
Halcyon (2nd)	4:45.55	4:45.55
Daphne (3rd)	4:45.57	4:45.57
Joan (4th)	4:54.35	4:47.59
Thecla (5th)	5:01.07	4:50.07
Gael (6th)	5:05.44	5:05.08
Pierrette	did not start.	

Hayward Hays Class.

Boojum (1st)	4:52.10	4:52.10
Bluenose (2nd)	4:53.36	4:53.36
Why Wonder? (3rd)	4:54.39	4:54.39
Adèle (4th)	4:55.20	4:55.20
Adams (5th)	4:55.52	4:55.52
Zephyr (6th)	5:01.57	5:01.57
Loia	did not start.	
Sealark	did not start.	

CHAMPIONSHIP PLACING.

The results of the season's sailings in nine championship events are as follows:

Handicap Class.

Yacht	Points.
Rolla (1st)	52
Colleen (2nd)	46
*Diana (3rd)	44
*Dorothea (4th)	44
La Linda (5th)	27
Falcon	16
Argulla II	15
(*tie, to re-sail).	

Gael and One Designs.

Daphne (1st)	76
Ailsa (2nd)	69
Halcyon (3rd)	66
Thecla (4th)	54
Joan	50
Gael	50
Pierrette	45

Hayward Hays Class.

Bluenose (1st)	78
Boojum (2nd)	76
Why Wonder? (3rd)	68
Adèle	62
Loia	59
Zephyr	38
Adams	35
Sealark	33

Service Boats.

The service race on Saturday from the Club mark round Channel Rocks and Cust Rock, leaving both to port, attracted thirteen entries. The winning boat was a cutter of H. M. S. Curator, sailed by Lieut. Enright, while the second was another cutter of H. M. S. Titania, with Leading Seaman Player at the helm.

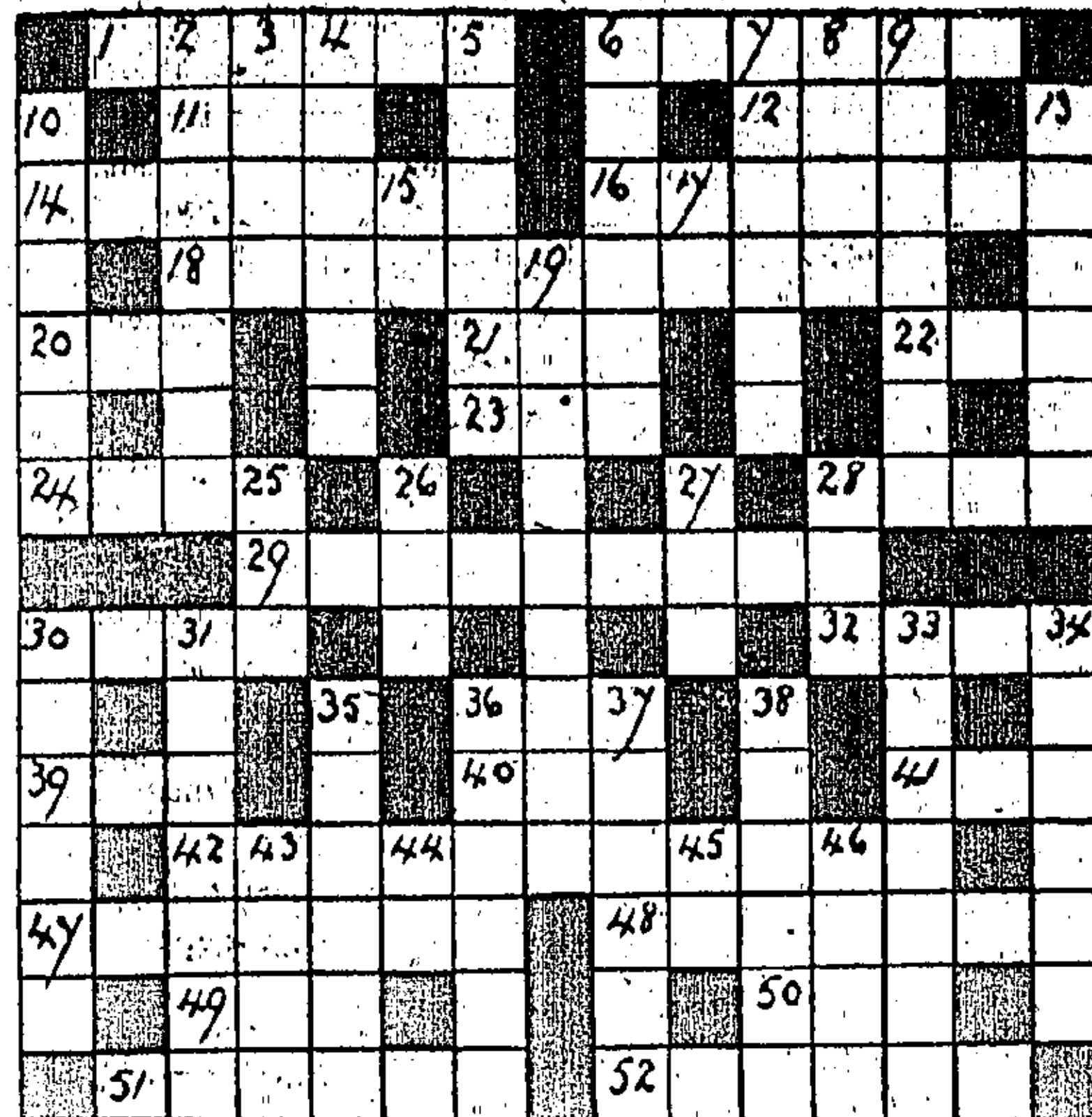
Sunday's Race Off.

The cruiser No. 6 Race around Lamma Island yesterday had to be called off. The start was made at 10.35, the following boats getting away: La Gigue, U. and L. Conquette, Peppers, Norseman, Queen Bee, and Lady Jane.

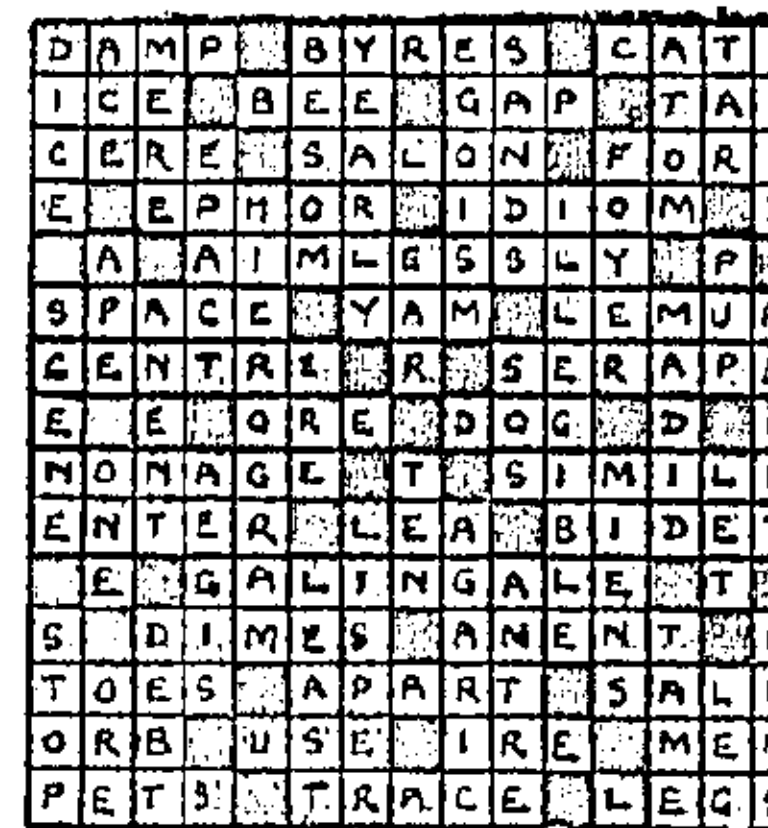
The limit of time was placed at 7.30 p.m. and as none of the boats had returned at that hour the race was declared off and will have to be sailed another day.

London, Feb. 12.
Their Majesties the King and Queen of Belgium have arrived in London to attend the exhibition of Flemish art.—*Reuter.*

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.**
- The sense of taste.
 - Division of the year.
 - To be able.
 - A male sheep.
 - Slender.
 - Park officials.
 - A giving of pleasure.
 - To enlarge by addition.
 - Prefix meaning three.
 - Wrath.
 - Rested in a chair.
 - Divisions of a week.
 - Periods of time.
 - The act of succeeding to the throne.
 - A burden.
 - To rend.
 - A baby's bed.
 - Exist.
 - A mischievous child.
 - Renowned.
 - Side by side.
 - Explanations.
 - Consume.
 - A colour.
 - Vipers.
 - That which guides a course.
- Down.**
- A place of learning.
 - A delicate kind of fabric.
 - West Indian indigo.
 - Chooses.
 - A narrow stretch of water.
 - A composite plant.
 - An article of food.
 - An augury.
 - Assented.
 - Articles of goods.
- The (French).**
- Actually there.
 - Convey from one place to another.
 - Dismal.
 - Unit.
 - Achieved.
 - An emmet.
 - Hoofed animals of S. America.
 - Esteemed highly.
 - An incident of a story.
 - To rest.
 - Narrate.
 - Social classes.
 - Fright.
 - On board.
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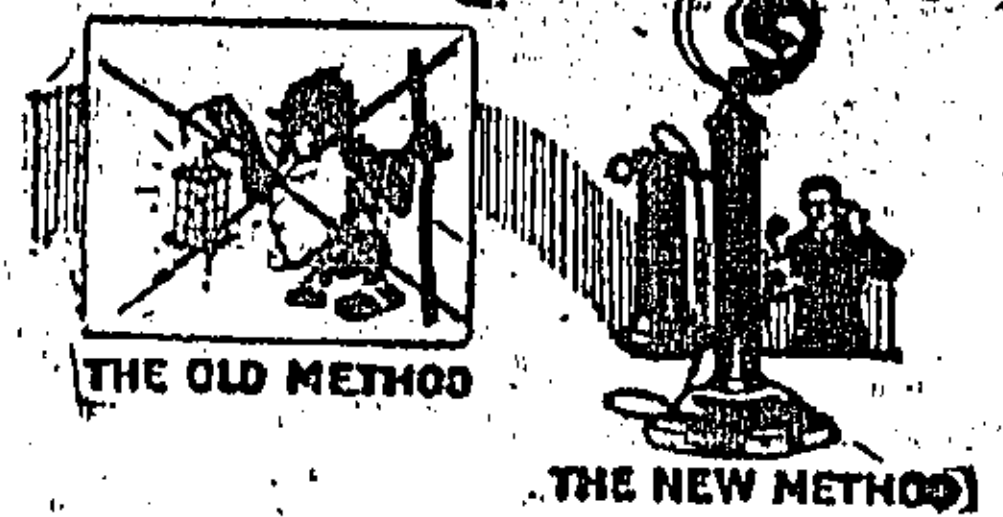
How he rose from a newspaper seller, earning 3s. 6d. a week, to Lord Mayor of Birmingham and a knighthood, was described by Alderman Percival Bower to a newspaper representative recently. Alderman Bower was included in the list of new knights in the New Year honours list.

"I was born at Hythe, in Kent, in 1879," he said, "my father being a soldier at the school of musketry. My parents died when I was eleven years of age, and I had to get my own living. My first job was that of a newspaper boy, and during the first week in that capacity I made 3s. 6d., the first money I ever earned. Then I went on to Slaybrook Farm, in Kent, where I was paid a half crown a week and my board. There I started work at four in the morning and stayed until any time at night.

"At fourteen I became apprentice to an engineer blacksmith, and the highest wage I received during my apprenticeship was twelve shillings. I used to go into the workshop at six in the morning, stay until five at night, and then go to a night school from seven till nine. When I go home I would often read for an hour or two, and frequently

had very little sleep. "After visiting several parts of the country I landed at Birmingham, where I worked until during the war I found my self on the Advisory Committee for the output of munitions. In 1919 I was elected to the City Council for the time, and in 1920 was made an alderman, appointed justice of the peace, and received the Order of the British Empire. The honour of being Lord Mayor of Birmingham fell to my lot in 1924. "The next year my colleagues elected me Lord Mayor again, and during that year I had a pretty difficult time. Towards the end I went over to Albert and was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. "Asked if he would still continue his work on behalf of the Socialist Party, Alderman Bower replied that at the moment he was not taking any active part. "I regard my position as Deputy-Mayor as necessitating abstention from political activity, in the same way as the Lord Mayor. My ideas are unchanged, and my political faith remains. "From my earliest days I have been a great reader. The political careers of certain outstanding personalities of those days always held a remarkable fascination for me. Of course, I never anticipated that I should occupy the seat of one of my favourites—Joseph Chamberlain, whose work I greatly admired."

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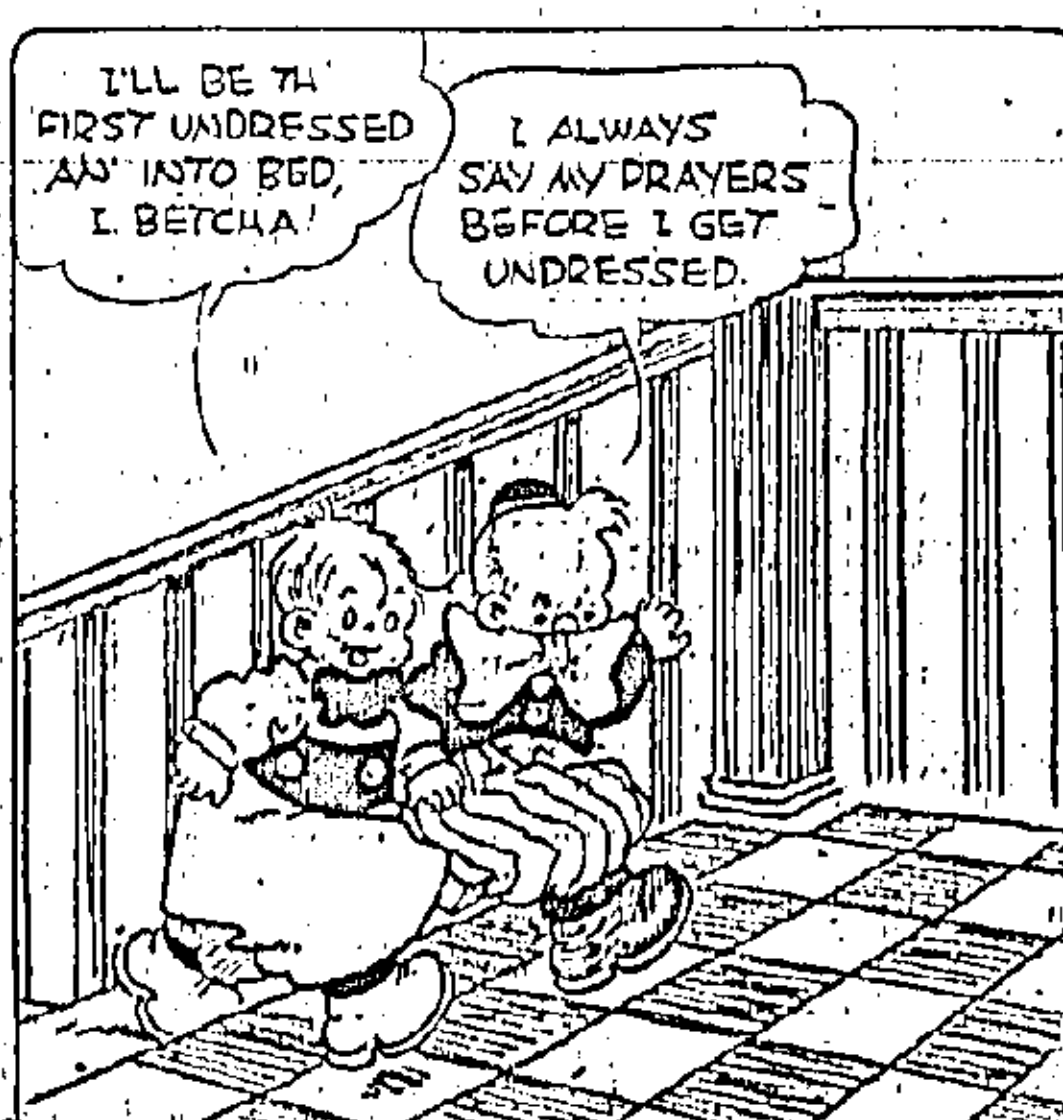
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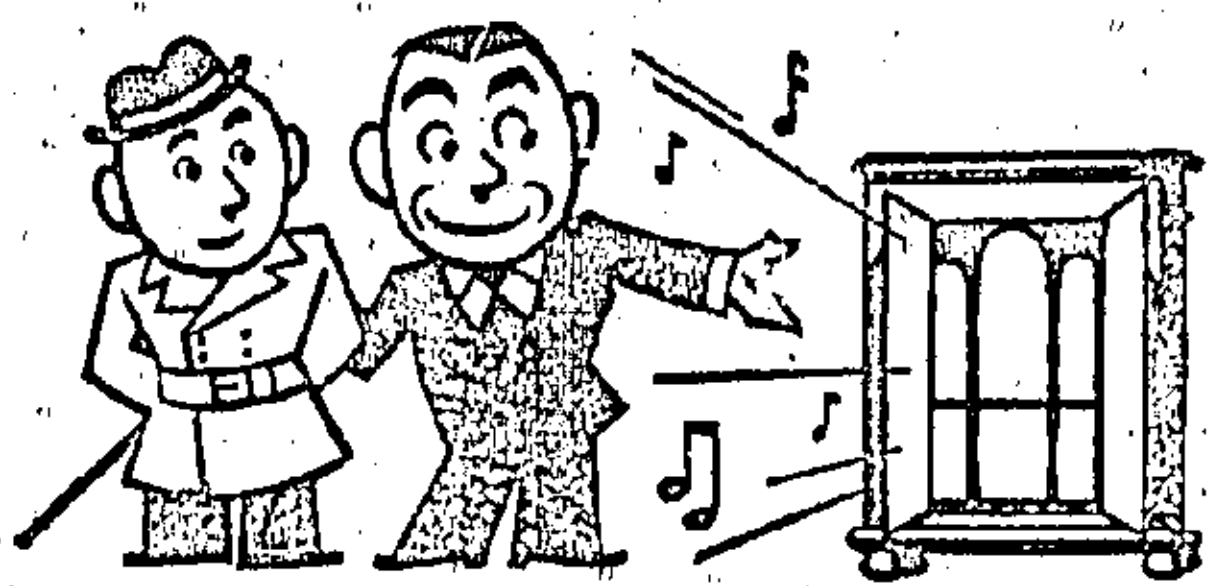
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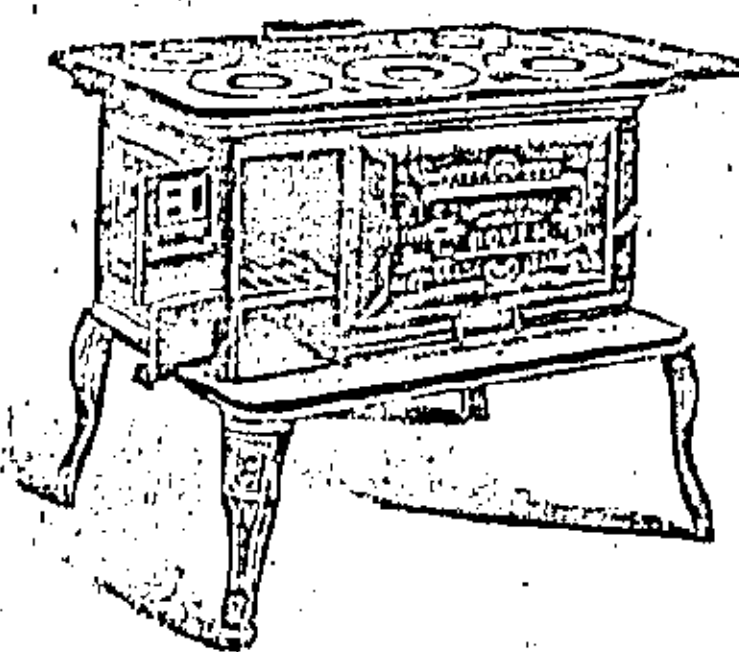
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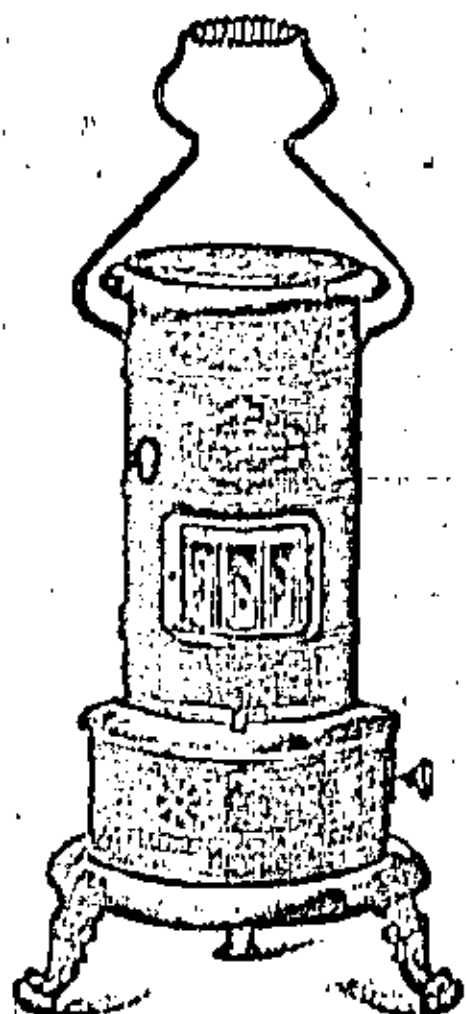
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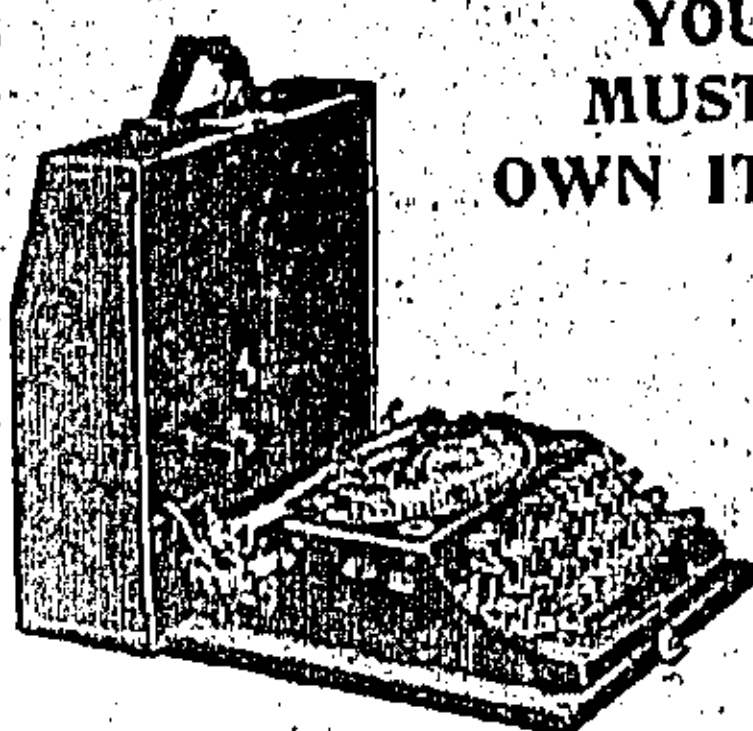
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LETTING THE WORLD
KNOW.

In view of all the misrepresentations which have been given currency regarding Britain's policy in China, it is extremely gratifying that the opportunity has been taken of officially setting before the League of Nations the broad and generous principles on which that policy is in reality based. As the Memorandum just issued clearly establishes, Britain has been animated by feelings of the utmost friendship towards China and the Chinese people, and despite the fact that the extremists of the Nationalist Party have deliberately set themselves out to distort the facts, the same general principles still form the basis of her policy. Indeed, it can be said that, in face of insult and calumny, Britain continues to show a magnanimity of spirit in her dealings with the Nationalists, which is far more than they deserve.

To anyone who has impartially studied the events of the past two years in China the fact must be obvious that the Nationalist extremists, egged on by Russian advisers, have made a point of singling out Britain for a special campaign of hatred. In that campaign, they have stooped to most reprehensible methods. Only one thing has mattered with these agitators—the cultivation of a hatred of all things British in order, as the latest Memorandum so well puts it, that the solidarity of the Nationalist Party might be promoted and its aggressive spirit stimulated. Although all the Treaty Powers followed the same general policy in their dealings with China, for the purposes of the campaign the Nationalists have especially singled out Britain as their target. Those same tactics have been followed wherever the Nationalists have extended their authority. On the Yangtze, other Powers than Britain own concessions, but whilst a dead set has been made against Britain, no attempt has been made to dispute the rights of these other nations. No stronger proof is needed than this of the fact that Nationalist policy

is based, not on broad and general principles applicable to all, but on sheer enmity of Britain. In the face of all these happenings, however, Britain has put forward proposals of a more liberal and generous character than any of the other Powers have done.

The Memorandum now communicated to the League of Nations puts the situation very clearly before the whole world, and the document serves the additional purpose of letting the Nationalists know that further concessions can only be made when official stimulation of anti-British propaganda definitely ceases. The Nationalist conception of diplomacy would appear to be based on a "take all and give nothing" policy. It is not by such means, however, that Nationalist aspirations are likely to be realised. If Mr. Eugene Chen and his associates are serious in their negotiations, then they must once and for all give up their Russian-inspired anti-British agitation. That is an essential preliminary to the putting into effect of the full British proposals.

Disarmament.

It is to be doubted whether a more opportune moment than the present could have been chosen by President Coolidge for the publication of his Memorandum on the question of further naval disarmament, and the fact that it was instantly received with such a "good Press" throughout the world is evidence of that excellent choice of time. The naval construction proposals of Senator Butler of the United States had done not a little to incite questioning regarding the future "armaments race," especially as that enthusiast had himself referred in almost scathing terms to the world's race for naval supremacy. There can be no doubt that although the Washington Conference resulted in a great achievement it did not eliminate competition in naval construction, and there has been a very costly competition in certain directions since that time. President Coolidge now proposes that the delegates to the Preparatory Commission who are going to meet at Geneva in March should be empowered to negotiate an agreement further limiting naval armaments and covering classes of vessels which were not included in the Washington Agreement. By this act a President of the United States has once again taken the executive lead in asking the nations of the world to cut down their expenditures on the means of waging warfare, and there can be little doubt that a very beneficial arrangement will eventually be come to. So far as Britain is concerned, there will most assuredly be keen co-operation in the matter, for Britain has long since been a generous supporter of the idea of reducing armaments. At the last Washington Conference it was Britain that wanted to go farther than any of the other nations were willing. France and Italy will undoubtedly support the idea, though if France makes a reservation that the problem must remain in the hands of the League of Nations there might be a hitch on account of America's delicate position. Japan has, as yet, given no indication, but Japan is not likely to go contrary to the weight of other opinion, for she has invariably been a loyal co-operator in international affairs. All indications would seem to point to the fact that we are on the eve of another big step forward in the evolution of permanently amicable international relations.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Prague	16.32
Madrid	23.85
Athens	372
Buenos Aires	47.1 1/2
Shanghai	2.06 1/4
Yokohama	2.06 1/4
New York	2.80 1/4
Genoa	25.21 1/2
Berlin	20.47 1/2
Copenhagen	18.19 1/2
Vienna	34.41
Helsingfors	192 1/2
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Rio	5.67 1/4
Bombay	1.63 1/4
Hongkong	2.00
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—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

WE HAVE ALWAYS PRETENSIONS TO FAME WHICH IN OUR OWN HEARTS WE KNOW TO BE DISPUTABLE.—Dr. Johnson.

The tourist ship *Empress of Scotland* left Hongkong for Shanghai last night.

The P. and O. s.s. *Malwa*, from Hongkong, arrived at London on the 10th February at noon.

Paymaster Lieutenant B. K. H. Norgate has been appointed to H.M.S. *Enterprise*, amended orders.

During the week-end there were reported one Chinese case of small-pox and one Chinese case of puerperal fever.

The quarantine restrictions imposed by Hongkong against arrivals from Haiphong on account of cholera have been removed.

The Sale of Work in connection with the Mothers' Union takes place at the Helena May Institute to-morrow, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

For failing to observe the rule of the road, the coxswain of the steam launch *Man Yee* was fined \$10, or ten days, at the Marine Court this morning.

The Hanoi piracy suspect was this morning remanded for another week, as the Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindell) was unable, on account of a full list, to proceed with the case.

Fire broke out in taxi-cab No. 264, on Sunday, whilst it was parked at the Pedder Street stand. Other taxi drivers helped to extinguish the flames, and only slight damage was done to the radiator.

Four members of the crew were rescued when the Norwegian vessel *Corona* came into collision with a junk off Swatow, according to a report made at the Harbour Office. Five others are reported to be missing.

"As nobody claimed it, I took it," said a Sanitary Department coolie, who was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning with being in unlawful possession of a 14-foot plank. Defendant was fined \$6, or seven days.

Up to nine o'clock this morning, the total number of ships arriving during the previous twenty-four hours was 25, of which number six were British. Departures numbered 38, of which 18 were British. The total number of ships in harbour was 69.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—*Hozan Maru*, *Taishan Maru*, *Kohoku Maru*, *Indo Maru*, *Glenamoy*, *Kanchow*, *Rohna*, *Nagpore*, *Empress of Scotland*, *West Nomenclum* and *Hosang*.

Fire broke out at No. 48, Bonham Strand East, on Saturday morning, in premises occupied by the *Wo King Loong* goldsmith's shop, being caused through the setting alight of a piece of matting by a spark from the melting furnace. The outbreak was extinguished before it could make much headway, but damage to the extent of \$300 was caused.

Two boys followed a nine-year-old girl up the staircase in No. 49, Lee Tung Street, yesterday, and while one of them caught hold of her by the neck, his companion snatched a gold-mounted rattan bangle from her wrist. Quick as the police were to take steps in the case when it was reported to them, the culprits were even quicker, for they managed to pawn the article at a shop in Irving Street, before the detectives went to the shop to make enquiries. No arrests have been made.

At the shareholders' meeting of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., on Saturday, those present in addition to Mr. Henry Humphreys (Chairman) were Mr. J. Scott-Harston, Mr. W. L. Patenden, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. J. M. Alves (Directors); Messrs. C. Bulmer-Johnson, O. F. Ribeiro, A. P. Samy, D. B. Clark, C. Bernard Brown, and W. Morley (shareholders) with the Secretary, Mr. G. Rapp. The report and accounts were unanimously adopted, and Messrs. Percy Smith and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-appointed auditors. Retiring Directors were also re-elected.

MUDFORD VOTES RED.

TWO SOCIALISTS HEAD THE POLL.

GERTY IN THE PICTURE.

(By Our Political Correspondent).

Saturday was a Long Munn-Day at Mudford-on-Sea, both Socialist candidates being returned at the head of the poll after one of the most momentous elections of recent years.

Mr. W. L. Walker, the Moderate, was the third successful candidate, closely followed by his partner, Mr. W. J. Keates, and the Progressives, Mr. A. McArthur and Mr. E. G. Sewell.

The result of the ballot was announced at 10.15 p.m. as follows:—

Fred Munn (Sec.) 66
Joe Long (Sec.) 54
W. L. Walker (Mod.) 36
W. J. Keates (Mod.) 31
A. McArthur (Prog.) 27
E. Sewell (Prog.) 26

One hundred and four constituents went to the poll, and one paper was spoiled by a gentleman who put a cross against two names and added "You don't deserve it." The Socialist vote was equal to that of the other parties combined, largely because the majority of their supporters felt the party spirit so strongly that they refrained from "tasting their third vote." Messrs. Munn, Long, Dand, Bolas, and Sands, the active members of the Mudford Socialist Party, desire to make it clear that the Red platform was adopted only for the purposes of the election, and should not be put down as a blot on their previous unblemished records.

THE FINAL SCENTS.

The Mudford Town Hall was the scene of lively enthusiasm on Saturday night, that prominent Moderate leader, Mrs. Councillor Sapsed (Gushing Gerty, the Girl with the Gamp) daintily attired in an attenuated dress of yellow crepe-de-chine, with black silk bow, and black hat to match, being most decidedly present. Her black stockings, provided for the occasion by Monod's, the famous firm of dress-makers, were rolled in accordance with the latest decree of the experts. Mr. Councillor E. R. Price has now withdrawn his offer of marriage, but Gerty wishes it to be known that she has no fear for the future.

The Mayor (the Rev. Horace Johnston) addressed the gathering after the poll had been declared, and his Mudfordian dialect added just one further point to that series of amazing things to be found in the town of Mudford, which take the outsider a good deal to accept as gospel.

Able speeches were delivered on the spur of the moment by the successful candidates, after which the success of the Town Council was proposed elsewhere.

CAMOUFLAGE.

HARBOUR THIEVES' COURTNEY.

Labouring under the misconception that they were being courteously helped from a sampan on to steamers, passengers engaging the boat on which a young Chinese was employed, were really being continuously robbed. At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, the system by which these petty thefts were carried out was explained to the Magistrate, before whom an alleged member of a gang of harbour thieves was charged with attempted larceny from the person of a Chinese passenger and with being a rogue and vagabond.

The prosecution put forward the allegation that the defendant, who worked in conjunction with his aunt on a sampan, always assisted passengers from his boat to ocean-going ships. When opportunity arose, the defendant, it was alleged, put his hands into customers' pockets and stole the contents.

On conviction, the defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour, it being shown, on production of his criminal record, that he had previously received twelve strokes of the cane for larceny, been fined \$25 for boarding a ship without permission, and been sentenced to three months' hard labour for stealing.

TO-DAY

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The Very Idea!

The officer on duty asked a sentry who was a new recruit—"If you should see an armed party approach what would you do?"
"Turn out the guard, sir."
"Good. And suppose you saw a battleship coming across the parade ground, what would you do in that case?"
"Well, I'd report to the hospital for treatment, sir," was the thoughtful reply.

Mum ripped and rescued father's pants
And when the task was done,
Wee Willie wore them. Thus there were
Two pairs, instead of one.

Dancing has so far come under the displeasure of the Swiss canton of Ticino that a law has been passed preventing dancing except during the first three months of the year. Every ball must receive police authorization and it is expressly forbidden that youths under sixteen years of age may dance at all. Between the ages of sixteen and twenty dancers must be accompanied by their parents.

A recent examination at the Hoe Grammar School, Plymouth, produced the following "howlers":—
The chief occupation of the inhabitants of Perth is dying.
Rhetoric is a form of arithmetic.
An epitaph is a horse with the head of a man.

A hostage is a lady who entertains visitors.

An epigram is a man who goes from one country to another.

The Magna Charta forbade any taxis.

Joan of Arc was born at Da-ventry.

In France the pheasants sleep upon mattresses.

Cheese is butter gone bad.
Blessed are the rich because they have received their consolation.

Willesden magistrate to defendant: Can you do as you like in Fulham, where you live? Man: No. Magistrate: Neither can you here.

Derbyshire husband: The housing problem has extinguished our married life!

Midland mother: All my sons hope to be footballers some day; it is better than going down the goal pit.

A Paris chef, seeking novelties, recently served a medieval meal. The table cloth was pleated so guests could wipe their mouths and fingers, no plates or forks were used. The uncarpeted floor was strewn with foliage. The platters were of wood, and all dishes and decanters of pewter. There were eel pasty, minced fowl, old wines, roots and leeks served with spice sauce and garlic, fruit and sweet wine from Cyprus.

Waiter—"Did you ring for me, sir?"
Diner—"Ring for you? Heavens!—no man. I was tolling the bell for you. I thought you were dead."

Acting on the theory that if shoulders are made broad hips will look slimmer, British fashion designers have dug dusty fashion sheets out of the archives of 1,900 and are creating for this winter a new version of the leg-of-mutton sleeve, in vogue at the beginning of the century.

A farmer left his pig in the road while he went to the inn.
Shortly afterwards someone called to him—"Is that your pork out in the road?"
A car had passed.

An incident which took place on board the *Empress of Scotland* when she was on the high seas resulted in a case being instituted in the Colombo Police Court by one of the passengers on board against a fellow-passenger.

The complainant, Mr. John Wylie, of Glasgow, charged Mr. Harry Hunnell, of the U.S.A., with having caused hurt to him and with intentional insult. Complainant stated that he was a British subject. On the 17th instant at 10 p.m. on board the *Empress of Scotland* when she was on the high seas, the accused, an American subject, struck him on the head and used an objectionable expression. He was very much annoyed and provoked.

When the case came up Mr. Tiruchelvam said that the case had been settled after a vigorous handshake and champagne all round.



TRANS-ATLANTIC PHONE.—Listening in at New York on the inauguration of the transatlantic wireless telephone service as Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (left centre), converses with Sir G. Evelyn P. Murray, the British postmaster general in London. With Mr. Gifford at the table (left to right) are E. J. Bloom, F. B. Jewett, General J. J. Carty, Bancroft Gerardi, E. B. Craft, H. T. Guernsey and C. J. Dubois, A. T. & T. officials. After this ceremony the service was opened to the public.



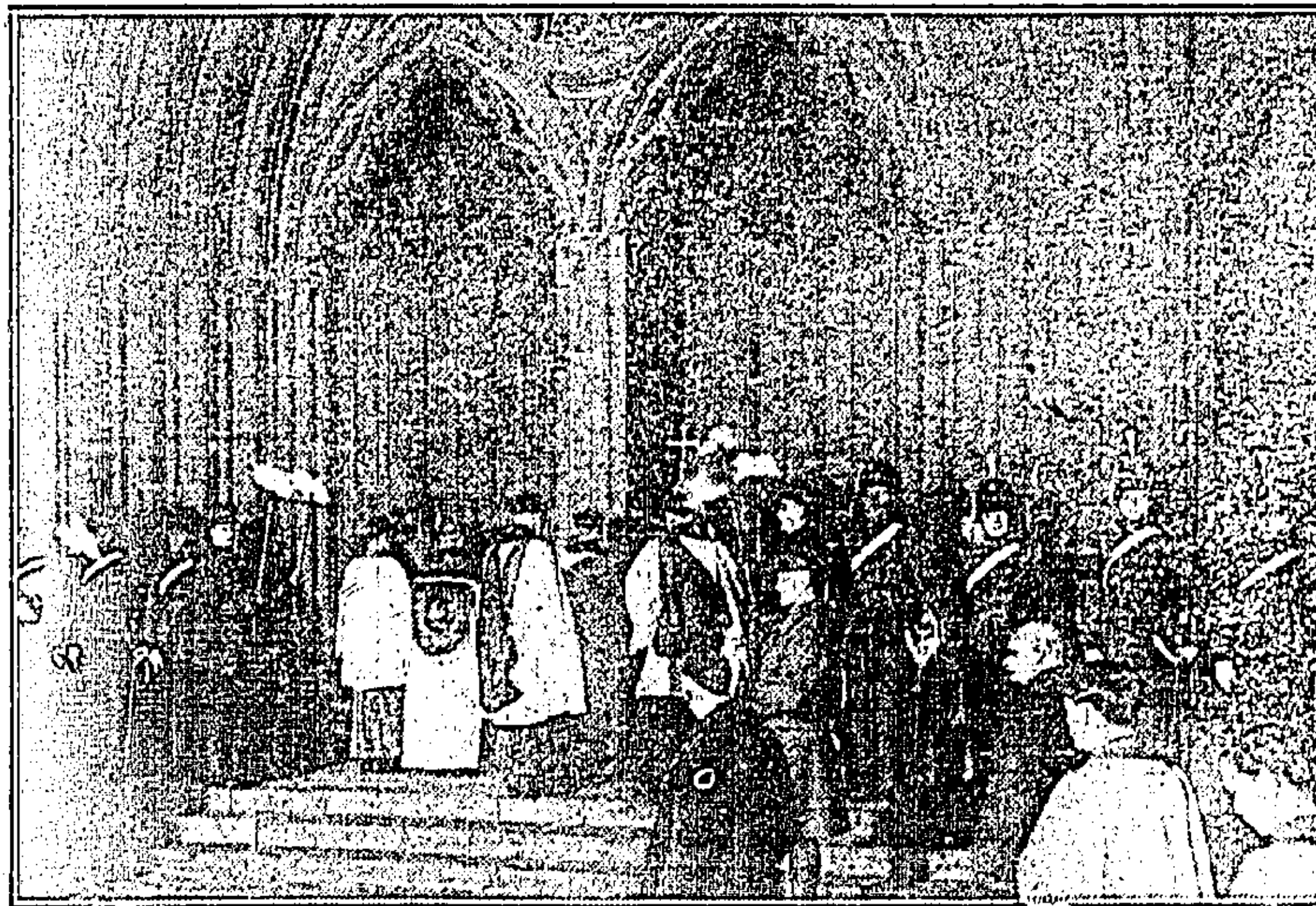
CARDINAL.—The former Monsignor Lauri, papal nuncio to Poland, is a cardinal now. His red hat was bestowed at a secret Vatican consistory.



A NATION GRIEVES.—Death of the invalid Emperor Yoshihito plunged Japan into profound mourning. These photos depict (above) tradesmen removing cheering Christmas decorations from Tokyo buildings and a mourning party bowing in reverent sadness at the entrance of the Chiyoda Palace, Tokyo.



ASIATIC ASSOCIATION GATHERING.—Photo taken on the occasion of the annual dinner held by members of the Asiatic Association, Shanghai, when Dr. C. T. Wong presented a silver shield to Professor H. P. Shastri for his work of promoting goodwill between the East and the West. Left to right, front row: Mr. Chen, Mrs. Shastri, Dr. Y. Tongu, Dr. O. T. Wong, Professor Shastri, Mr. Minori, General Chen. (Standing): Mr. Chu, Mr. H. C. Singh, Mr. Willer Chai, Mr. B. Munshi, Hon. Mr. Wu San, Mr. S. Hari Singh, Dr. James Wu, and Mr. Ho.



THIRTEEN CENTURIES OF YORK MINSTER.—The impressive scene at the West Door of York Minster at the commemoration of the 1,300th. year of the Cathedral. The Archbishop of York, in full vestments, is in the centre of the picture in the act of knocking on the door for admission. (Times copyright.)



BACK AGAIN.—Here's Ignace Jan Paderewski, pianist and statesman, as he reached New York on the S. S. Majestic upon his return to the United States.



KING'S CHAPLAIN.—A portrait of the Rev. G. A. Suddert Kennedy, chaplain to King George.



SCENE OF CINEMA DISASTER.—This is the Laurier Palace moving picture theatre at Montreal where 77 children died in fire panic. The fire started in the projection room and the alarmed cry which was immediately raised sent the audience scurrying for exit. Those in the orchestra and on one side of the balcony reached the street unharmed but a jam of young bodies on the other balcony blocked it five steps from safety and here struggling, suffocation and smoke caused the casualties.

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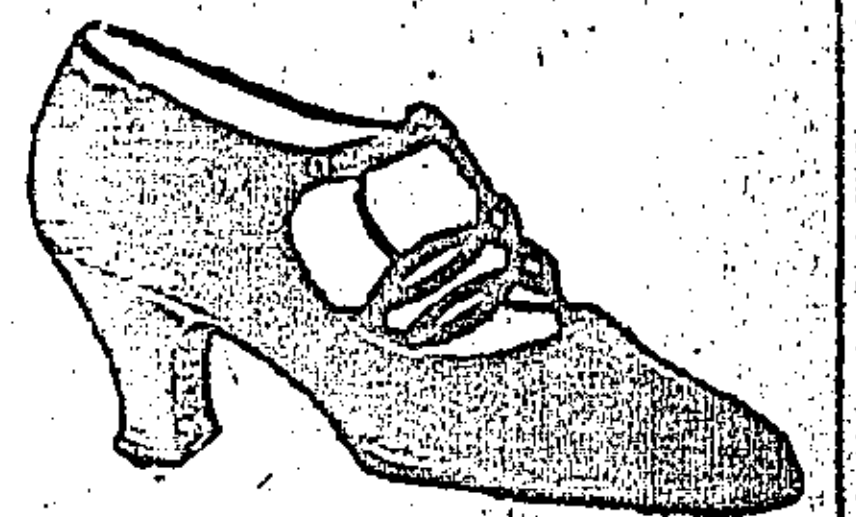
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from WEDNESDAY, 9th FEBRUARY, 1927, to TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1927, both days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order,

of the Board of Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 26th February, 1927, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

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By Order

of the Court of Directors.

A. H. BARLOW,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1927.

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at Savoy Hotel,
on Friday, 18th February, 1927,
at 9 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO LIMITED.

Entry forms can be had from Messrs. Linstead & Davies. By kind permission of the Stewards of Hongkong Jockey Club, Members of that Club are cordially invited to take part in our Inaugural race Meeting which is to be held on 19th & 20th February. Transportation and accommodation of ponies can be arranged with the Secretary of this Club.
Macao, 7th February, 1927.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

DEDICATION OF THE RE-CONSTRUCTED ORGAN
on
WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16, 1927,
at 5.45 p.m.

ORGAN RECITALS.

will also be given on FRIDAYS,
Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 4,
at 5.45 p.m.

Booklet, containing Form of Dedication Service; Annotated programmes of the Recitals, together with Photographs of the Cathedral and Organ, etc., may be obtained from the Organist, or from the Cathedral Verger. Price one dollar.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Hongkong Tramways Limited, will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on Monday, the 7th day of March, 1927, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company, will be closed from TUESDAY, February 22nd to MONDAY, 27th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1927.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Eighth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order

of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1927.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

The undermentioned Certificates for Shares in this Company have been declared LOST and if at the expiration of ONE MONTH from the date hereof the documents are not forthcoming the said Certificates will be deemed CANCELLED and of no effect and new Certificates will be issued by the Company.

Certificate No. 1639—100 Shares

Nos. 58710/58809.

Certificate No. 2748—150 Shares

Nos. 149756/149905.

Certificate No. 58—83 Shares

Nos. 154006/154083.

All in the name of Mrs. Yeung Kwai Shim.

FOR THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1927.

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LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-DAY
the 14th February, 1927,
commencing at 2.45 p.m.

At No. 2, Waverley Terrace (Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.) Hongkong.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Property of the late Mr. A. A. Bolton.)

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Sunday, the 13th February, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on TUESDAY,
at 11 a.m.
the 15th February, 1927,

At Godown No. 6, The Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

(for account of the concerned.)

566 Bales Old Newspaper—more or less damaged.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on THURSDAY,
the 17th February, 1927,

commencing at 2.45 p.m.

At No. 86, Nathan Road (Ground floor), Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Full particulars from catalogue.)

On view from Wednesday, the 16th February, 1927.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on FRIDAY,
the 18th February, 1927,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Nice Assortment of Chinese Curios.

comprising:—

Porcelain, Bronzes, Jade, Chinese Prints, Embroideries, Agate, Amber, Crystal, etc., etc.

also

A Few Pieces of Canton Blackwood and Foochow Lacquered Ware.

(Further Particulars from Catalogue.)

On View from Thursday, the 17th February, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,

Auctioneers.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables will be held at Volunteer Headquarters on Thursday, 10th March, 1927.

Entries will definitely close at 1 p.m. on Monday, 28th February, 1927, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but intending Exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Schedules are being prepared and will be sent to all members who have paid their subscription for the current year.

Members who have not yet paid their subscription and ALL

THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are requested to send \$5 immediately to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, care of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 9th Feb., 1927.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGES.

MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA

has received instructions to sell

by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on FRIDAY,

the 18th day of February, 1927,

at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

at the China Auction Rooms,

Duddell Street, Victoria,

Hongkong.

The Very Valuable Leasehold Property,

situate at Queen's Road, West,

Victoria aforesaid and registered

in the Land Office as The Remaining

portion of Sub-section Two of

Section B of Inland Lot No. 834.

IN ONE LOT.

The property consists of the newly erected restaurant intended to be used by the Chung Kwok Restaurant.

The area of the property is 14,652 square feet or thereabouts and the Crown Rent payable in respect thereof is \$37.16 per annum.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to

MESSRS. DEACONS,

1, Des Voeux Road,

Central,

Vendor's Solicitors,

or to

MR. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,

The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1927.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.
From For Due.
Shanghai February 14.
Chennai February 14.
Shanghai February 14.
Manila February 15.
Japan and Shanghai February 15.
Salon February 15.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai February 17.
Australia and Manila February 18.
Europe via Suez (letters and parcels, London, Jan. 20, and parcels, Jan. 12.) February 18.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai February 19.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai February 20.
Straits February 21.
Japan and Shanghai February 21.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai February 25.

Pres. Wilson February 17.
Tango Maru February 18.
Mongolia February 18.
Pres. Jefferson February 19.
Shimo Maru February 20.
Kamo Maru February 21.
Hakusan Maru February 25.
Emp. of Asia February 25.

OUTWARD MAILS.
For For Date.
Bangkok Mon., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Manila Mon., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Salon Mon., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Mon., Feb. 14, 5 p.m.
Haiphong Tues., Feb. 15, 9.30 a.m.
Bangkok Tues., Feb. 15, 11.30 a.m.
via Thursday Island Tues., Feb. 15, 11.30 a.m.
Registration 10.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday 15 Feb.)
Hailong Tues., Feb. 15, Noon.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Sphinx Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 18th March.)

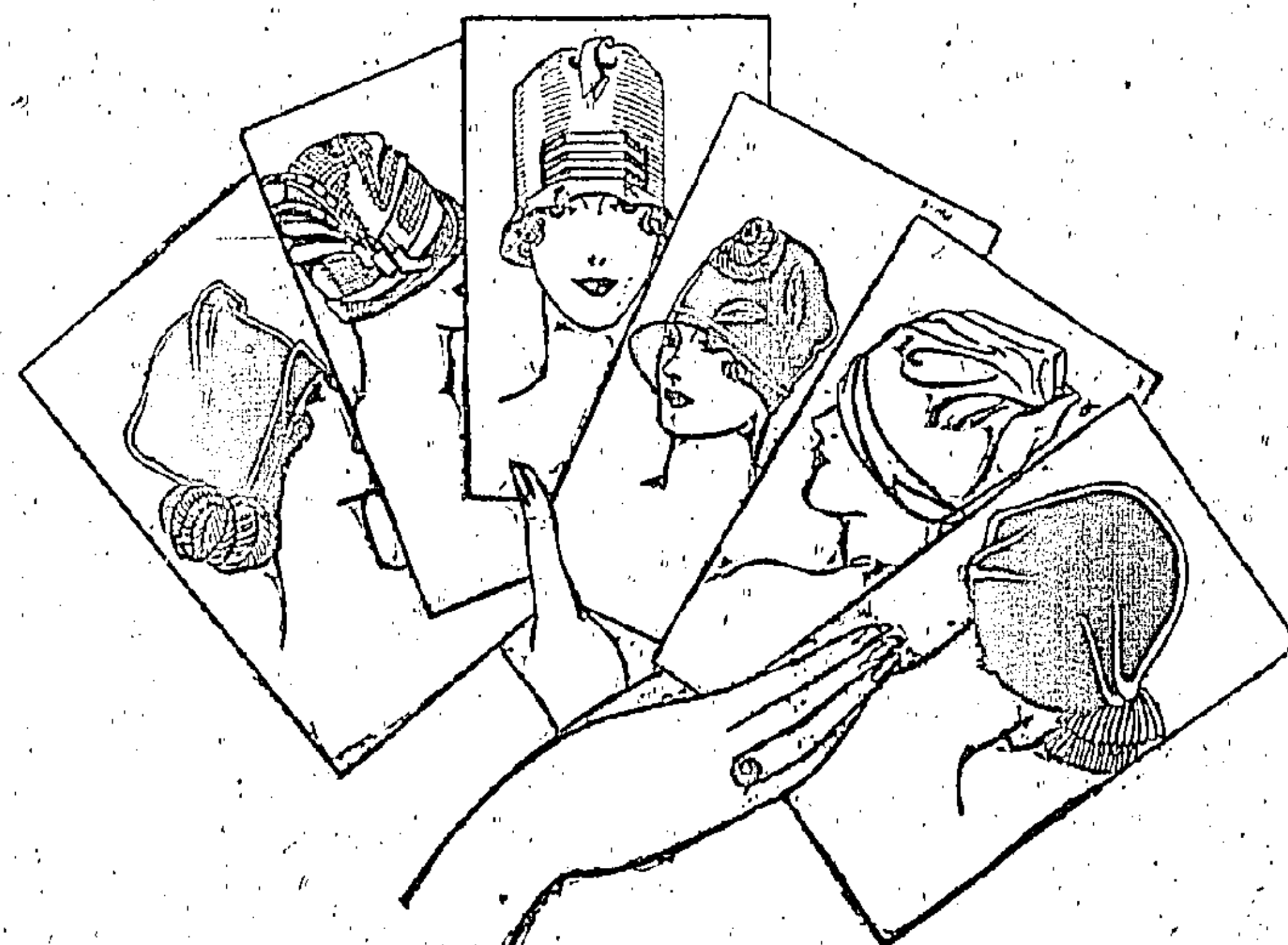
Amoy Tues., Feb. 15, 2 p.m.
Welhaiwei Tues., Feb. 15, 2 p.m.
Amoy Tues., Feb. 15, 2 p.m.
Laisang Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Suiyang Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia (Letters and Post Cards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only) Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia (Letters and post cards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only) Tues., Feb. 15, 5 p.m.

Strait and Calcutta Tues., Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
Mingsang Thurs., Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m.

Haiphong Thurs., Feb. 17, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia (Letters and post cards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only) Thurs., Feb. 17, 12.30 p.m.
Sandakan Thurs., Feb. 17, 2 p.m.
Straits Thurs., Feb. 17, 2 p.m.
Sourabaya Thurs., Feb. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Thurs., Feb. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Manila Thurs., Feb. 17, 10.30 a.m.

Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.



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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL FORTNIGHTLY DIRECT ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
(UNDER CONTRACT WITH H.M. GOVERNMENT.)

	Tons	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
DELTA	8,097	18 Feb. 4 p.m.	S'pore Pang C'bo & B'bay
KALYAN	9,144	19 Feb. noon.	Marseilles London A'werp & Hull
NELLORE	6,853	2nd Mar.	S'pore Pang C'bo & B'bay
MANTUA	10,902	5th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th Mar.	M'les, L'don & A'werp
NAGPORE	5,283	14th Mar.	S'gon, M'les, L'don A'werp Hamburg & Rotterdam
NYANZA	7,023	16th Mar.	S'pore, Pang C'bo & B'bay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th Mar.	Marseilles & London

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers & Cargo to Constantinople, Pyrus, Smyrna and other Levant Ports by Steamers of the Ekedivail Mail S. S. Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

TALMA	10,000	21st Feb.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	4th March.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta
GAMBHIRA	5,257	18th March.	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,956	4th March.	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April.	Island, Townsville, B'bane.
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April.	Sydney and Melbourne.

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hongkong to Japan and Hongkong to Australia.
The E. & A. S. S. Co., Ltd. steamers will also call at Shanghai, Hio, Oebu, Kolambang, Tawee, Timor, Darwin, or other ports on route as indicated on offers.
Frequent connections from Australia with the following:
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The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal.
The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape.
The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers to Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

MONGOLIA	16,504	18 Feb. 6 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
GAMBHIRA	5,257	25th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
MAEDONIA	11,120	4th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
WIRELESS ON ALL STEAMERS.
Parcels Measuring not more than 24 ft. x 2 ft. x 1 ft. will be received at the Co's Office up to noon on the day previous to sailing.
For Passage Rates, Handbooks, Freight, etc., apply to
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EXCELLENT & MOST UP-TO-DATE FIRST & SECOND CLASS PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION.
HONGKONG TO SYDNEY—19 DAYS.

STEAMER	DUE HONGKONG ON OR ABOUT	SAILS HONGKONG ON OR ABOUT
CHANGTE	In Port	15th February
TAIPIING	11th March	18th March
CHANGTE	8th April	18th April
TAIPIING	10th May	17th May

For Freight & Passage, apply to—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Tel. C. 36.

GLEN LINE.

Fare Hongkong to London £82.

LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG via STRAITS & COLOMBO.

Steamship "GLENIFFER" (Via Oran)	22nd February.
Motor Vessel "GLENNOGLE"	9th March.
Motor Vessel "GLEGARRY"	6th April.
Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	4th May.

SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VLADIVOSTOCK.

Due Hongkong.	
Motor Vessel "GLEGARRY"	18th February.
Motor Vessel "GLENAPP"	3rd March.
Motor Vessel "GLENLUCE"	20th March.
Steamship "GARMARTHENSHIRE"	31st March.
Motor Vessel "GLENBEG"	14th April.

For freight, passage and further particulars, apply to:

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Motorship "CREMER"

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SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu
SHINYO MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd Feb. at noon.
SIBERIA MARU (Calls Koolung) Sunday, 6th Mar. 10 a.m.
TAIYO MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd Mar.
*Calls Los Angeles

SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles Mexico & Panama
GINYO MARU ... Saturday, 26th Feb. at noon.
ANYO MARU ... Tuesday, 3rd Mar.

MARSEILLES, LONDON ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Ports.
HAKUSAN MARU ... Saturday, 26th Feb. at 11 a.m.
KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 12th Mar. 11 a.m.
HARUNA MARU ... Saturday, 26th Mar.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd Feb. at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd Mar.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
CALCUTTA MARU ... Monday 21st Feb.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
TOYOHASHI MARU ... Friday, 11th Mar.

BUBNOS AIRES via Singapore; Durban & Cape Town.
HAKATA MARU ... Wednesday, 23rd Mar.

HOMBAI via Singapore & Colombo.
SEIYO MARU ... Monday, 21st Feb.
TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Monday, 28th Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
OSAKA MARU ... Friday, 18th Feb.
MURORAN MARU ... Wednesday, 2nd Mar.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
TANGO MARU ... Friday, 19th Feb.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
GENOA MARU ... Friday, 18th Feb.
CEYLON MARU ... Monday, 21st Feb.
KAMO MARU ... Tuesday, 22nd Feb.
MALACCA MARU ... Saturday, 26th Feb.

For further information apply to—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
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M.V. "VIMINALE" Sails on or about 10th March.
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S.S. "UMSINGA" Sails from Calcutta End of February.
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Destination.	Steamer.	Sailings.
CANTON	Yatshing	Tues. 15th Feb at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via Moji & Kobe	Laisang	Wed. 16th Feb at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Pooshing	Wed. 16th Feb at 7 a.m.	
STRAITS & Calcutta	Suisang	Wed. 16th Feb at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Mingsang	Thurs. 17th Feb at 10 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Thurs. 17th Feb at 2 p.m.
OSAKA S'hai, Moji & Kobe Hosang	Satur. 19th Feb at 7 a.m.	
STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Satur. 19th Feb at 3 p.m.
TIENTSIN	Chipsang	Sun. 20th Feb at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN S'tow, S'hai, Chefoo Tingsang	Sun. 20th Feb at 7 a.m.	
TIENTSIN	Choochingang	Thurs. 3rd Mar at noon.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Tues. 5th Mar at 1 p.m.

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Telephone 215, Central General Managers

THE BLUE FUNNEL LINE
REGULAR AND FAST
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"PATROCLOS" 9th Mar. Marseilles, London, R'dam & Glasgow
"ABRASTUS" 22nd Mar. Marseilles, London, R'dam & H'burg
"ANTENOR" 6th Apr. Marseilles, London, R'dam & Glasgow

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"BRUALION" 20th Feb. Genoa, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"PHILOTTES" 23rd Mar. Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow
"MEDON" 31st Mar. Genoa, Havre & Liverpool
"NINGOHOW" 15th Apr. Genoa, Havre & Liverpool

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via KOBE & YOKOHAMA
"PROTESILAUS" 25th Feb. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle
"TALHYBIUS" 19th Mar. Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle

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"ANTILIOHUS" 13th Feb. New York, Boston & Baltimore
"PELEUS" 25th Feb. New York, Boston & Baltimore
"ATREUS" 23rd Mar. New York, Boston & Baltimore

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"PATROCLOS" 9th Mar. Singapore, Marseilles & London
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SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

S.S. "PELEUS" ... via Suez Canal 25th Feb.
S.S. "CITY OF BRISTOL" ... via Suez Canal 5th Mar.
S.S. "ATREUS" ... via Suez Canal 25th Mar.
S.S. "TEUCER" ... via Suez Canal 8th Apr.

Steamers proceed via Suez Canal or Panama Canal at owner option.

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M.V. "CANTON"	Loading about 4th March.
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For Shanghai & Japan ports.

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For further particulars apply to the Agents:

GILMAN & CO., LTD. G. E. HUYGEN,
Hongkong. Canton.

THE WORLD COURT.

REJECTION OF THE AMERICAN RESERVATIONS.

Geneva, Feb. 12.
Lord Birkenhead has informed Sir Eric Drummond that arrangements have been made to inform the United States Government that India associates herself with the terms of the British Note on the subject of the American reservations with regard to adhesion to the permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague.
Reuter.

CITY LINER'S MISHAP.

ASHORE ON GOODWIN'S IN A FOG.

London, Feb. 13.
The Ellerman liner City of Tokio, from China and the Malay States, went ashore near the Goodwins in a fog. There is no immediate danger.
Five tugs unsuccessfully attempted to tow the vessel off last evening, and a further attempt is being made to-day.—Reuter.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

From LEITH, ANTWERP, LONDON and STRAITS.

The Steamship,

"BENALDER."

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 28th instant or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th instant at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by:

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.
Hongkong February 7, 1927.

HOLLAND-OOST AZIE LIJN.

From AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM BREMEN and GENOA.

The Steamship,

"OOSTERK (11)."

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
Goods not cleared by the 17th February, 1927, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godown, where they will be examined on the 18th February, 1927, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, Hongkong.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by:

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN L.I.N.

General Agents.

HONGKONG YOUNG MEN.

FORMAL OPENING OF ST. PETER'S CLUB.

Occupying as it does a commodious house with several large and airy rooms, St. Peter's Young Men's Club, which is situated in the midst of the residential quarter of Bonham Road and the vicinity, promises to be one of the leading local clubs in promoting closer social relationship between young men.

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The premises were open to inspection on Saturday when the committee and members were "at home" to their friends, on the occasion of the dedication and inauguration of the rooms by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Vice-President, who in the absence of the President the Rt. Rev. C. R. Dupuy (Bishop of Victoria), welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Club.

Speaking in eulogistic terms of the work of the indefatigable Secretary, Mr. George Zimmerman, Mr. Copley Moyle said that they had to congratulate Mr. Zimmerman upon the consummation of his project. When the idea was first mooted, many people thought it quite impossible to carry it through, but Mr. Zimmerman had stuck to his work and despite almost insurmountable difficulties had brought the Club into being. It was fitting that that splendid work should be acknowledged.

Chairs Needed.
"We welcome our visitors and hope that we shall see more of them in future," continued Mr. Copley Moyle. "I would ask you to go upstairs and have a look round. I am afraid that we present our best appearance down stairs, but that leads me to ask you to think of us if you have any spare chairs or tables that you do not want. I can assure that they would be very welcome to this Club."

In reply, Mr. Zimmerman disclaimed all the praise bestowed on him by the Vice-president and in the name of the joint secretaries thanked Mr. Copley Moyle for his remarks and the visitors for their presence.

"Your sentiments are coloured by your kindness," continued Mr. Zimmerman, "I cannot regard it as mere prose, but as poetic licence. It tells me how much we have to live up to. The promoters of the Club started it in the hope that it would help young people to prosper. The world cannot be right until the young men and women of the world are right." (Applause).

Three cheers for Mr. Zimmerman brought the ceremony to a close.

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POET AND JUDGE.

DINNER WHICH WAS
NOT PAID FOR.

Rome.—A young Italian, with
be-frizzled hair, and dressed in
the Bohemian fashion of fifty
years ago, was brought up for
trial in Milan for giving dinner
parties without paying for them.
The judge made a shrewd guess
at his age.

"Yes," answered the young man,
"as you see, I am not yet 'Nel
mezzo del cammin di nostra vita.'"
When the judge congratulated
him upon his knowledge of Dante,
the young man reeled off the rest
of his acquaintance with the world
of authors until he was pulled up
by a caustic remark about his in-
timacy also with swindlers.

"Do not talk to me about such
miserable trifles, I who have
shaken hands with Marconi," re-

plied the irrepressible debtor, and
his defence went on these lines.
"I am a poet; out of my brain
verses overflow."

"And cheatings," added the
judge.

"But what can you expect?
asked the defendant, "I had no
more money. 'Carmina non dant
panem.' You doubtless under-
stand Latin?"

"But who did you think was go-
ing to pay for the dinners?"

And the young man answered
unhesitatingly: "Why, the two
young ladies with me. . . Be-
lieve me, Mr. Judge, I will
write some beautiful verses
for you because I am a poet whose
genius will one day dazzle Italy."

The unrecognized poet got a
light sentence of seven days' im-
prisonment and a fine of a hundred
lire because, to use an Italian ex-
pression, he "did not seem to be
in possession of all his Fridays."

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HONGKONG IMPORTS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
REPORT.

The fortnightly Price Current and
Market Report, published by the
Hongkong General Chamber of Com-
merce, states:

Fancy Piece Goods and Fancy Cot-
ton Goods.—A fair amount of enquiry
covering most styles of Staples and
Fancies but the quantity brought to
book is poor in comparison with
former years due principally to the
uncertainty of the political situation.
The latest quotations are those of
the 9th inst. Eg. Sakol 18.65d. Amor.
"Spot" 7.60d.

Cotton Yarn.—There have been
some enquiries during the interval
and a small business was put through
in spot and forward at an improve-
ment of \$1 to \$2 per bale.

Quotations are purely nominal:—
No. 10s. \$140/155. No. 12s. \$145/160.
No. 16s. \$105/170. No. 20s. \$175/180.
Arrivals 500 bales. Shipments Nil.
Sales 1,000 bales. Unsold stock 13,000
bales. Bargains 13,500 bales.

Woolens.—Market opening slowly
after the China New Year, with dull
and uncertain tone.

Raw Cotton.—No sales to report.

Metals.—Market dull, very little
doing.

Flour Market.—Stocks: About 600
sacks. Market: There is very little
movement and prices have a declining
tendency. Quotations:—American
Patent, \$4.30-4.45 per sack; American
Straight, \$3.20-3.30 per sack; Ameri-
can Cut off, \$3.30-3.40 per sack;
Shanghai Flour, \$3.30 per sack;
Australian No. 1, \$3.55-3.75 per sack;
Canadian Cut off, \$3.25-3.35 per sack;
Canadian Straight, \$3.15-3.25 per
sack; Canadian Mixture, \$3.05-3.25
per sack; Canadian 2nd Clear, \$3.00
per sack.

Sugar.—Market dull.
Saltpetre.—Tone of the market
seems to be promising after New
Year holidays.

"ROPE" SHARES.

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was no question of delivery of ac-
tual script.

Mr. Potter handed to his Lord-
ship a solicitor's letter and a com-
promise bill, which, he declared,
refuted the contention of the de-
fence that Chan had dropped out
of the deal.

Mr. P. Tester, a stock broker,
and one time Secretary of
the Hongkong Stock Exchange,
was called to give evidence.

SELLER CAN REFUSE.
Mr. Potter:—Supposing you
disclose "the name of the pur-
chaser, is the seller of the shares
entitled to refuse the name.

Witness:—Certainly.

Supposing he does accept that
name?—Then you write on the
contract "buyer's name disclosed."

I take it that in the vast majority
of cases there is no question of
disclosure at all—Yes.

I take it that it is only when you
yourself are not satisfied with the
purchaser that you adopt this
method of protection?—Yes.

They also suggest that we were
not ready and willing to deliver.
In the case of a sale of shares on
the Hongkong Stock Exchange, is
it invariably the custom that the
script is always delivered by the
seller—No.

There is a rule dealing with
another way?—That is so. Wit-
ness added that the seller usually
handed to the broker a delivery
order on the Bank.

If you were putting through this
transaction and had been acting
for both parties, would you have
accepted this order for delivery
and put this transaction through?
—Yes.

No doubt you would have gone
to the Bank with the cheques, and
obtained the release of the shares,
and handed them to the purchaser?
—Yes.

NO TRANSACTIONS.

In answer to further questions,
witness said on July 28th, the
Stock Exchange was closed, and
there was no free market for
"Ropes" on that day. He could
not remember any transaction in
"Ropes" since 1925.

Mr. D. H. Blake, of Messrs.
Wilkinson and Grist, said the
plaintiff and defendant attended
his office and brought with them
a delivery form. They waited for
the purchaser, but he did not
arrive. The defendant seemed to
be in a position to complete the
contract, as soon as the buyer
arrived, and there was no sugges-
tion that Chan should drop out of
the deal. At that meeting, Mr.
Mohideen was pressing Mr. Chan
to complete the transaction.

The plaintiff said that on April
30th, he entered into a contract
with Chan for the sale of "Ropes,"
completion day being on July 28th,
1925.

Mr. Potter:—It is suggestion
that, on the 27th, he disclosed the
name of the purchaser, and you
agreed to deal with him direct?
Witness:—No.

His Lordship gave judgement for
the plaintiff with costs, with an
order for specific performance.

FINAL HANKOW
MEETING.

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the Nationalist Government would
refrain from taking an aggressive
attitude towards Britain."

HANKOW RULE.

DETAILS OF ADMINISTRATION.

A Hankow correspondent of the
Canton Gazette states that the
provisional Council now handling
the affairs of the British Conces-
sion comprises the Minister of
Foreign Affairs, the Minister of
Finance and the Minister of Com-
munications of the Nationalist
Government. It meets once a week.
The details are delegated to four
departments: Secretariat, headed
by Mr. T. G. Woo of the foreign
ministry; Finance, headed by Mr.
C. H. Lei of the ministry of com-
munications; Public Safety, headed
by Mr. H. O. Tong of the finance
ministry; Sanitation, headed by
Mr. C. Y. Lee of the ministry of
communications.

These four meet daily and hear
reports from the subordinates in
their respective departments, is-
sue all necessary orders, see to it
that they are carried out and
generally direct the administra-
tion. Any non-routine matters
are left for decision by the Pro-
visional Council.

"CONCESSION" FINANCES.

The financing of the area is now
being shouldered by the National-
ist Government directly. Pending
the decision to be reached as a
result of the negotiations now go-
ing forward between the National-
ist Government and the British
diplomatic authorities, that
method of finances will continue.
The entire administration and
direction of the affairs of the con-
cession are, at the moment, pure-
ly provisional.

CHINESE POLICE.

There have been no changes
whatsoever in the usual course of
affairs inside the British Conces-
sion since the intervention of the
Nationalist Government. The
entire staff of the municipal office
remains the same, save for the
British heads, who no longer func-
tion. The police, now, are all
Chinese. The Indians who former-
ly were used as traffic officers no
longer are used. The new Chinese
police have been recruited from
excess men on the police roster in
the two special areas which were
formerly the Russian and German
Concessions.

MOB ATTACKS.

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down on to the now blazing bon-
fire in the courtyard. The foreign-
ers had to stand and look on
while all their goods were burnt.

ESCORTED TO YAMEN.

After this had gone on for some
time, leaders of the agitation, who
had become alarmed at the blaze
created by the flames they had fan-
ned, endeavoured to calm the
mob, but without success. They
appealed to the foreigners to
leave the building to save their
lives, and escorted them through
the infuriated rabble. This action
diverted attention from the one
remaining room of the building,
and the mob followed the fore-
igners out into the courtyard.
Here they were escorted by sol-
diers to the magistrate's yamen,
where they remained until the fol-
lowing Tuesday.

The party spoke well of the
treatment received while under the
magistrate's protection. He is
a Hupeh man and treated them
with kindness. He sent men to
fetch what remained of their be-
longings, among which was, for-
tunately for them, the bedding on
two beds in the one room which
had not been looted. This bed-
ding, divided among the five of
them, sufficed until they reached
Kluikiang. They were escorted
from Loping to Kluikiang by four
soldiers—from the magistrate's
yamen.

RESCUED BY BLUEJACKETS.

En route to Kluikiang they pick-
ed up other missionaries, making
their escape, and had a calm trip
until arrival at the Treaty Port.
Here they experienced great dif-
ficulty in reaching the Kiangtow,
lying anchored off the Bund and
being used as a sort of hotel by
the few remaining foreigners.
Boatmen created unnecessary dif-
ficulties, and soldiers turned
"nasty." They were finally rescued
by a launch from H. M. S. "Wild
Swan," and arrived in Shanghai,
cheerful on the whole, but most of
them feeling the effects of the
terrible time they had been
through.

OFF TO RUSSIA.

DELEGATES FROM CANTON.

The Provincial Department of
Education at Canton is sending Lai
Yue-ting to Moscow to make an
investigation of Russian educa-
tional methods. It is reported that
he will stay in Russia for a year.
From Russia he will go on to
Switzerland, Holland, France and
America, for a tour of six months.
Mr. Lai is at present Chief of the
Youths Department of the Pro-
vincial Kuomintang.

The Chungshan University will
also send Kwok Chou-wa to make a
careful study of political condi-
tions in Russia. Mr. Kwok will
travel to Russia with Mr. Lai.

Tai Chi-tau, member of the
Central Executive Committee of
the Kuomintang and Nationalist
Government, has been sent on a
mission to Japan by the Nationalist
Government, with the subject of
cementing friendly relations be-
tween Nationalist China and
Japan.

JAPAN SNOWSTORMS.

MUCH DESTRUCTION.

Tokyo, Feb. 14.
The snowstorms which have con-
tinued unabated in North Japan
for three weeks until Saturday,
when the weather cleared, are
again raging, causing widespread
death, destruction and intense suf-
fering.—Reuter.

FEATS OF PENMAN-
SHIP.SOME MARVELS OF
MICROSCOPIC WRITING.

A complete calendar for the pre-
sent year has just been completed
by Mr. Rowland Rispin, a Derby-
shire man, the whole of which is
contained in so small a space that
if it can be covered by a threepenny-
piece and can, it is said, be read
without the aid of a magnifying
glass.

Mr. Rispin, who is a railway
coachbuilder, has many similar
achievements to his credit. Six-
teen years ago he wrote one of Mr.
Lloyd George's speeches, consist-
ing of 3,466 words, on the back of
a postcard measuring 5 in. by 3½
in. The card contained 100 lines
of writing, and the task occupied
Mr. Rispin 8½ hours.

Some time ago the Queen of Italy
received from an Italian in the
United States a postcard on which
the sender had written a history of
Montenegro compressed into 1,900
words, each perfectly legible and
easily read. But Mr. Rispin would
scarcely think that much of an
achievement, seeing that he suc-
ceeded in crowding nearly twice as
many words into the same space.

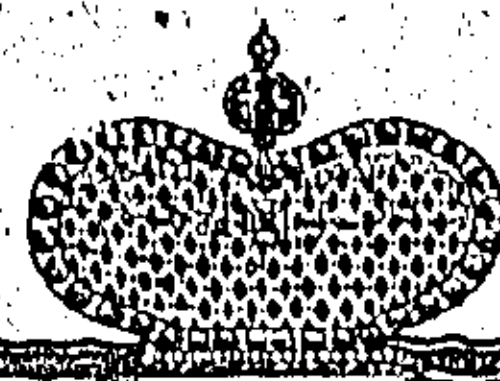
In the library of the Queen's
Doll's House is treasured a re-
markable specimen of microscopic
writing—the Lord's Prayer writ-
ten six times, a total of 420 words,
in the space occupied by Mr. Ris-
pin's 1927 calendar. This was the
work of Mr. Frederick Smith, a
Birmingham chemist.

But far more wonderful were
the specimens of microscopic writ-
ing done by the late Mr. William
Webb, F.R.M.S., though Mr. Webb
accomplished his marvels with a
machine he invented. He used
the machine for writing on slides
for use in microscopes, and pro-
duced a series of twenty varying
sizes of writing, the smallest of
which would have enabled the
whole contents of the Bible to have
been written fifty-nine times in the
space of one square inch! These
slides could be read only with
high-power microscopes. Mr.
Webb broke up his machine short-
ly before his death, but most of
the slides he wrote with are still
in existence.

Charged at the Central Magis-
tracy this morning, with disorder-
ly conduct by fighting in the street,
two Chinese proceeded to give a
demonstration in Court of what
precisely happened. They were
ordered to desist, and in giving his
decision, Mr. Lindsell said: "You
had been locked up for two nights,
so you can go. If you do it again,
you will go to gaol."

In the case in which a Chinese is
charged with the theft of a number
of articles from the A. P. C. build-
ing, and with forging and utter-
ing a cheque in the name of Mr.
W. A. Butterfield, Detective Ser-
geant Baker applied for another
remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell
this morning. He said Mr. T. H.
King would take over the prosecu-
tion at the next hearing. De-
fendant was remanded for one
week.

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THE LURE OF PARIS.

COMEDY OF A CANCELLED
PERFORMANCE.

Copenhagen, December 28.—
The Royal Theatre of Copenhagen
has been unlucky with the pro-
jected performance at the Odeon
Theatre in Paris. The plan was
to present "Scaramouche," a pop-
ular pantomime, in Scandinavian
with music by Sibelius. The first
night was fixed for December 27,
and the Danish minister had been
invited, along with many French
celebrities and dignitaries.

Suddenly the whole affair was
cancelled on Christmas eve. It
seems that the director of the
Royal Theatre, Mr. Johannes
Poulsen, who has stayed in Copen-
hagen and only went to Paris for
a last moment's inspection, fore-
saw a gigantic scandal. Preparations
had been incredibly casual;
a considerable part of the cast,
and especially the young ladies,
were so absorbed by the gaiety of
Paris that they had forgotten
everything—even the rehearsals.
Mr. Poulsen at once decided to
countermand the performance, and
now announces his intention to
present "Scaramouche" in the
Odeon in June, with due precau-
tions against feminine preoccu-
pation. Scenery and dresses will re-
main in Paris till the next attempt
is made.

DIAMOND OUTPUT.

BILL TO CONTROL IT.

Johannesburg.—It is understood
that under the Diamond Bill which
is to be introduced during the
forthcoming session of Parliament
the Government will secure power
to control the output of alluvial
fields.

They are at present unable to
interfere with production.

Digging is now producing £2-
000,000 worth yearly, and at the
existing rate of increase that
figure will soon be doubled.

This, it is recognised, is a
danger.

The Government do not intend
to change the quota of production
of the companies.

The competition of the alluvial
fields has been causing serious
perturbation among the big es-
tablished producers.

At the meeting at Johannes-
burg on December 14 of the
Johannesburg Consolidated In-
vestment Company, which is
interested in the Diamond Syndi-
cate and the chief South African
Diamond mining companies, Mr. S.
B. Joel expressed the hope that
it would not be long before the
Government gave the uncontrolled
production of diamonds careful
consideration and decided on a
new policy.